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"IT'S ALL OVER NOW"

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY ISSUES A POSITIVE STATEMENT THAT RECORDER CHEATHAM

Is to Remain for Another Four Years, and Ends a Merry War.

WORTHY PARTY WORKERS WILL

CAST DOWN THEIR BUCKETS FOR "SOMETHING EQUALLY AS GOOD" --LOGIC OF THE FIGHT.

Seeking Booker T. Washington's Autograph--A Queer Contrast

IN AN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A PEEP INTO THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GREAT A. M. E. CHURCH.

Inaugural Banquets Under Way--Washington's Birthday Oratory.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL TO MEET

Staff Correspondence of The Freeman.

Washington, D. C., special: A burning issue has been settled at last. It is all over—even the shouting is at an end. Victory perches upon the House of Cheatham. To make a long story short, there is to be no change in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Hon. H. P. Cheatham remains for an additional four years at the post he has filled so worthily. The President has so expressed himself in positive and unequivocal terms. It happened this way:

Major William Warner, of Missouri, who has several times been spoken of in connection with a cabinet place, saw the President a few days ago and presented the petition of Dr. J. R. Crossland, a well known colored physician of St. Joseph, Mo., for appointment as Recorder of Deeds for the District. The President quickly gave Major Warner to understand that there would be no change in the office for another four years. The President said to an intimate friend that he is well pleased with the conduct of the office by the incumbent and that he has no idea of making a change.

Thus ends a season of agony, necessarily wearing upon the nerves of candidates, and naturally embarrassing to Mr. Cheatham. President McKinley does well to clarify the situation by this frank announcement, for there is nothing more annoying than to keep a lot of men on the anxious seat for months, hoping against hope, when a word would bring the strife and uncertainty to a period, more or less satisfactory. We could never understand why there was such a rush for the Recordership. There has not been since the election any incident leading to a belief or supposition that Mr. Cheatham would be treated with less consideration than shown the cabinet and other bureau heads, who were cordially invited to remain in office. As I went into this question at some length a short time ago, further comment will not be in order. I am much pleased with the retention of Mr. Cheatham. I know him to be an honest, conscientious, painstaking official, fully in touch with modern ideas of administration, and to remove him would be a notorious "backward step" in the application of Mr. McKinley's own conception of the merit system.

I close this Recordership incident with a repetition of the hope that those who aspired to the office will be given "something" by the powers commensurate with their admitted worth and conspicuous party service.

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Booker T. Washington grows upon the country. If there's a village or hamlet where his fame has not spread it is a place where newspapers are never read or whose people never go abroad. Those who have heard of him are eager to see him and to hear him speak. This fact was vividly illustrated last Saturday in this city. About 150 young women, pupils of the Normal School of Westchester, Pa., were making the rounds of the department buildings. Representative Butler took the young women to call upon Secretaries Long and Root, in the massive State, War and Navy Buildings across from the White House. Being presented to these dignitaries, the visitors were respectful in the presence of greatness, but did not seem to be overwhelmed with awe. Suddenly while they were crowded in the office of Secretary Long a colored man walked in. Instantly there was a sensation. It was Booker T. Washington.

The young ladies instantly abandoned Mr. Long and flocked around Mr. Washington, who was fairly driven to the wall. He begged piteously for mercy, and the girls said they would let him pass if he would give them his autograph. Washington was glad to make any terms. They all produced cards and Mr. Washington began to write. He wrote for a long time without apparently making any impression on the immense pile of cards, and finally gave it up and entreated to be released. The girls reluctantly made a pathway and Mr. Washington escaped.

Secretary Long was much impressed by this testimonial to their comparative fame, and congratulated Mr. Washinton. Mr. Long had not been asked for his autograph.

The world bows to genius, no matter what its tint. Do our boys and girls grasp this moral.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott, editor of the Tuskegee Student and private secretary of Prof. Booker T. Washington, one of the brightest young men that the race has produced, will be in the city during the inauguration festivities. He will be on the staff of the Pen and Pencil Club.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will deliver several lectures during the summer Chautauqua season. She is now spending her spare time gathering material for addresses covering some ground wholly new to the platform. She will prove equal to all demands upon her, and the race is satisfied that it will be ably represented. Mrs. Terrell can talk interestingly upon a wider variety of literary, economic and social questions than any other colored woman in the land, and has few peers among the whites. We are proud of her accomplishments.

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The financial department of the great A. M. E. Church is a pleasant place to drop in. The secretary, Rev. Phil A. Hubbard, is a genial gentleman, and his latch-string hangs out during the ordinary hours of the day or night. He is full of information, and talks so enthusiastically about the progress and development of his church that an outsider is almost persuaded right away to become a member of so gigantic and well-ordered a race institution. The establishment is a spacious building, four stories in height, at 1535 Fourteenth street, Northwest, and the furnishings are in keeping with the dignity and importance of the financial office. Dr. Hubbard is quiet and unostentatious in his manner, but he is the most successful dollar-money getter in the entire connection, and is known in the Rocky Mountain reserve as "the Dollar-Money King," his record as such having landed him in the financial secretaryship. The reward was a fitting recognition of his valuable services, and is the stepping stone which leads inevitably to the Bishopric. All of his predecessors, save one, who was called away too soon by death, have been garnished with the episcopal robe, and it is the concensus of opinion that the general conference of 1904 will elevate Dr. Hubbard to the bench. At the recent session of the Bishops' Council in Philadelphia the doctor's report was a most agreeable surprise, outstripping by several thousands of dollars the very best report made by Dr. Moore's banner year—in the face of the fact, too, that Dr. Moore had broken all previous records. The council tendered a special vote of thanks and commendation to Dr. Hubbard for his magnificent work. Miss Thomas, an accomplished young lady from the West, is rendering efficient service as clerk and stenographer at the headquarters.

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The Bishops' Council at Philadelphia refused to accept the resignation of Bishop Turner, who indicated a desire to relinquish the Presidency, and the aggressive Georgia prelate remains in the chair. The demise of Bishop Moore made some new assignments necessary. Bishop Smith takes the Louisiana work. Bishop Coppin goes to South Africa and Bishop Shaffer is to carry on the cause on the West Coast of Africa. Sentiment is forming for the election of at least two new Bishops in 1904. Smart guessers have Dr. P. A. Hubbard and Dr. H. T. Johnson on their books.

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Those who favored the election of but one Bishop at the recent session of the A. M. E. Zion Church are admitting now that they were rather short-sighted. Who could have foreseen the death of Bishop Pettey? But it is the unforeseen that the wise man plans against by providing for possible losses and miscalculations. It is early in the day to talk of candidates, perhaps, but Editor J. W. Smith is not discouraging any brother who looks approvingly in his direction, although compelled to close the columns of the Star of Zion to the boom business.

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That the inaugural authorities do not intend to ignore the Negro entirely is evidenced by the appointment of three colored men on the general reception committee. They are Congressman George H. White, Register Judson W. Lyons and Prof. Kelly Miller. The committee is headed by Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles. Robert W. Wilcox is also a member.

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Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, scores a distinct triumph over the forces that have been trying to oust him from his seat in the House. The committee on elections holds that the charges filed against him are not sufficient to warrant his removal. It is good public policy to deal leniently with the accredited agents of our new insular possessions, and see to it that they are never to be deprived of their proper representation unless more than mere technicalities are alleged.

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The meeting of the general executive committee of the National Afro-American Council will meet in this city March 5th at Galbraith Chapel, Sixth street, between L and M. street, Northwest, at 11 o'clock a. m. The call, signed by Bishop Walters, T. Thomas Fortune and Cyrus Field Adams, has made its appearance in a number of papers, and should be widely copied. Steps are being taken to induce a greater degree of activity on the part of the literary bureau. The able writers who make up this bureau ought to keep the magazines, newspapers and every medium for reaching the public, well supplied with literature bearing upon Negro progress and defending the race from the assaults of enemies. Articles of merit will no doubt be paid for by most of the leading magazines, and others will publish an article gratis that will enhance the reputation of the writer and at the same time serve a highly useful purpose. The boys of the Pen and Pencil Club must sharpen their tools and get to work. Push the objects of the council and keep its doings before the people.

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At the recent Afro-American Council Day, held under the auspices of the Second Baptist Lyceum, Dr. Lucy E. Moten, Congressman White, Bishop Walters, Prof. Robert H. Terrell and Daniel Murray contributed $5.00 each. This is practical public spirit.

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The members of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People have appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable testimonial to the Hon. George H. White, upon the eve of his retirement from the National legislature. Miss Ella M. Boston is exerting herself to make the affair one of the best that Washington has ever tendered a public man.

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Messrs. A. L. and F. G. Manly and Mr. John N. Goins are demonstrating that a Negro daily can thrive in the National Capital, predictions to the contrary notwithstanding. The Record has a circulation of about 2,000 daily and gives the reader the worth of his money, served in crisp, inviting fashion. The Manlys are shrewd, enterprising and independent young men, and are deserving all the success that they are achieving.

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At the magnificent dinner tendered Tuesday evening by the Board of Trade to the District Commissioners, at which was present several hundred of Washington's most substantial citizens and men of affairs, Messrs. Robert H. Terrell, Dr. W. Bruce Evans and Mr. Robert T. Douglass served as members of the reception committee.

The two inaugural banquets will be pulled off on the evening of the 5th of March, per announcement. There is no "social war" in the aggravated sense that some authorities would suggest. The Citizens' Welcome Club has its following and will hold forth at the big armory hall of the Washington Light Infantry, the first time the hall has ever been let for the use of colored people. The Cosmos Club and its guests will entertain at the Builders' Exchange Hall, where the inaugural ball of four years ago was so successfully conducted. The officers of the Cosmos Club are as follows: F. L. Cardoza, Jr., President; Honorary Vice-Presidents, John F. Cook and Whitfield McKinlay; Robert T. Douglass, Treasurer; Berkeley C. Waller, Secretary. The executive committee is headed by Robert H. Terrell, the reception committee by Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, the arrangements by Maj. Charles R. Douglass, and invitations by Wyatt Archer. Persons out of town who intend to be present at the Cosmos Club soiree should communicate with Mr. Berkeley C. Waller, 609 F street, Northwest. The attendance at both balls promises to be large and representative.

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There was a flood of oratory on Washington's birthday, and the tide ran high from Georgetown to the navy yard, and from Howard University to the pelucid waters of the Potomac. Everybody had an inning, and the father of his country was made to do service in countless ways as a theme to talk about as many different subjects, ranging from our status in the Philippines to the old reliable race problem in America. The Pen and Pencil Club was in evidence all over the city as speaker or presiding officer. They will tell the news to their respective papers, and it is fair to say that no previous Washington day in the capital has ever had such a generous advertisement to the country. Your correspondent had the honor to be the speaker of the day at Mott school, at the foot of Howard Hill. As the pupils could not leave, we were accorded a large and enthusisatic hearing. After the exercises, the affable and erudite principal, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, escorted the visitors through the spacious building, explaining the character of the work being done, and here and there quizzing the pupils, who showed a remarkable familiarity with current events and race history. The most interesting feature of the excursion was the manual training department, which was well stocked with useful articles made by the pupils, demonstrating a high degree of skill in carpentry, carving, designing and finishing industries. Dr. Evans is justly proud of the work that is being done by his boys in this shop, and he has a right to be. Dr. Evans has the educational spirit, and is a valuable factor in the cause of race progress. The day's exercises were ably presided over by Mr. W. T. Menard, the popular and witty Washington correspondent of the New York Age.

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Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, "the noblest Roman of them all," was banquetted in New York Tuesday night by the Colored Citizens' League. Many distinguished persons from New York city and State and New Jersey were present.

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Now that the administration is about to spit on its hands and take a fresh hold upon the reins of government, the charter members of the Amalgamated Association of Knockers and the United Order of Chronic Prevaricators are working overtime trying to dislodge official incumbents, to make places for themselves or for those with whom they are in "cahoots." Unsupported charges have no weight with a fair-minded executive—one who refuses to be used as a catspaw to gratify the greed or malice of some miscreant in ambush.

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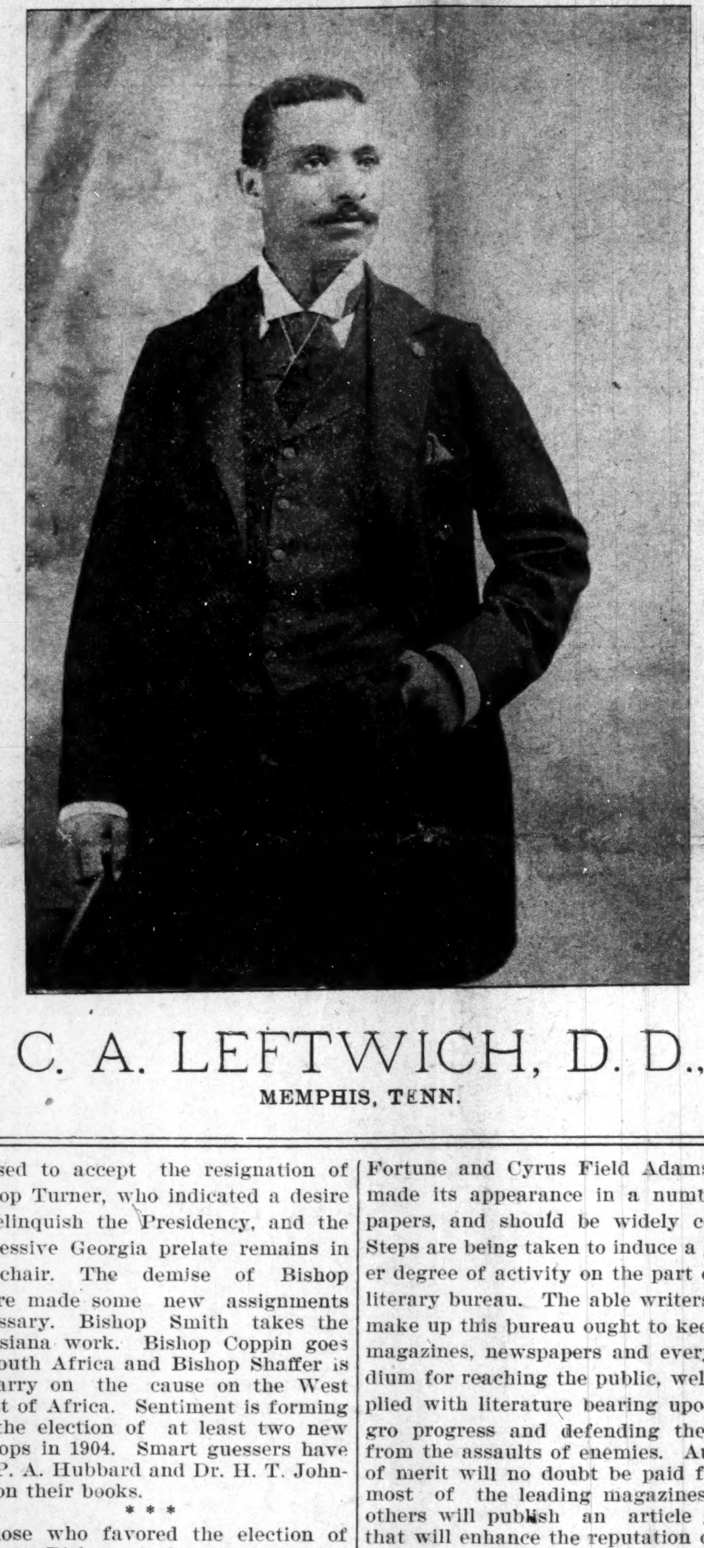
The monster public meeting to be held by the National Afro-American Council at Galbraith Chapel, Wednesday evening, March 6th, will be addressed by such distinguished gentlemen as Counsellor F. L. McGhee, of Minnesota; Hon. George H. White, T. Thomas Fortune, Prof. H. T. Kealing, and others. Bishop Walters will reach Washington on the morning of the 4th and will see that the body hews to the line in handling the business before it.

R. W. THOMPSON.



C. A. LEFTWICH, D. D.,
MEMPHIS, TENN.

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ONE OF THE BRAINIEST SONS OF TENNESSEE--A MAN OF WORTH AND INTEGRITY

THE TALMAGE OF MEMPHIS

Former Dean and Principal of Lane College, Now Pastor of Georgia St. C. M. E. Church, Memphis, Tenn

Great credence must indeed be given to Virginia as the birth place of the preponderance of the great men of this country. No less credit is due the "Old Dominion" when she gave birth to the world Rev. Dr. C. A. Leftwich, whose cut graces the initial page of this issue of The Freeman. Today he stands among the galaxy of men who have made the black race what it is, to do him justice it would be necessary to quote his works, but his deeds are for an oppressed, down trodden race and must be sung by Virgil or Homer; hundreds of young men and women whom he has raised a step higher on the ladder of intelligence and who are now battling with the world earning their bread by the lessons learned under his watchful eye, sing his praise; thousands of people who have heard him preach the gospel of the Son of God, exposing the sins of the world, attest his power as a pulpit orator, tens of thousands who have heard him lecture, trying to raise fallen humanity, trying though only one, to pierce the leaden clause of ignorance, speak of him as a philanthropist; the Southland knows his history by heart. It is caught up and re echoed in the north; as an educator he stands among the first of his race.

For three years Dr. Leftwich was Dean and Principal of Lane College at Jackson, Tenn., and had the admiration and respect of the pupils and teachers under him. He also served as Professor of Latin and Greek in Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., and has occupied similar positions in Morgan college and Virginia College. At one time he taught a class of white ladies at Saratoga, N. Y., in French. He is a graduate of Howard University, receiving the degrees of A. B., and M. A., from his alma mater. The degree of B. D., was received from Gammon Theological Seminary, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was received from Virginia College. He has also attained the degree of D. D., and is the youngest Doctor of Divinity of the race by virtue of church appointment and church official positions. He is one of the leading lights in the C. M. E., connection, and if merit, popularity and influence figure in the election of Bishops at the next General Conference in May, 1902, he undoubtedly has a good chance to be honored with this high official position.

Dr. Leftwich is now pastor of Georgia Street C. M. E. church, Memphis, Tenn., one of the largest and most influential churches in that connection. He is also Professor of Chemistry in the newly chartered University of Tennessee. He has led the the C. M. E. church connection in America in a recent rally in his church, having raised all his general church funds and assessments for the year 1901. This effort breaks the record and speaks glowingly of the pastor, and church. The Freeman always takes pride in presenting such worthy subjects to its many readers, as it proves an impetus to grander and greater achievements. Dr. Leftwich was at one time editor of the Headlight. He is a great admirer of his race, and a conscientious defender of its cause.

New Iberia Dots

New Iberia, La., Special.—The Lesia Coleman's minstrels at the Cresent hall on the 16 inst. had to be abandoned just as the grand opening was in progress, as a consequence of a lamp exploding. The greatest excitement reigned for an hour or more, and it was utterly impossible for the play to proceed. The Vigilant hook and ladder fire company, No. 2, has been reorganized with Wm. Bumler president. All of the carnival visitors to New Orleans have returned. Among the physicians of this city there are three of color who are graduates from reputable colleges. There are three grocery stores with large stocks. Narcisse NoNot is an admirer of The Freeman. See P. L. Blockmon and get The Freeman, only 5c per copy.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL

ISSUES A CALL FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To be Held at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, March 5, 1901.

The following members of the executive committee of the National Afro American Council are hereby directed to meet at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church, Sixth street, near L, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, March 5, at 11 a. m.

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Since business of the utmost importance is to be transacted a full attendance is desired.

The meeting is called at this time in order to take advantage of the inauguration rate, which is one-half of the full fare.

By order of President:

ALEXANDER WALTERS.
T. THOMAS FORTUNE,
Chairman;
CYRUS FIELD ADAMS,
Secretary.

New York, Feb. 9, 1901.

Race papers please copy.

FROM LOUISIANA

Alexandria Visits New Orleans--Lost Relatives.

Alexandria, La., Special.—Lucy Butler, formerly of Houston, Tex., and late of this city, desires to learn the whereabouts of her mother (Malinda Collins), her sister (Edith Collins) and her brother (Ben Collins). When last seen all were living together in Houston, Tex., about twenty years ago. The Freeman agent of that city will do quite a favor by looking up these lost relatives. Mr. Charles H. Gardner, late of Shreveport, has added one to the population of our city, and is a reader of The Freeman. Alexandria was well represented at the New Orleans Mardi Gras this season. A great many citizens left business, comfort and home seeking pleasure which, of course, will be found in the Cresent City of the South. Mr. B. Perry has returned to his lost love, the Rapides. Mrs. Clara Selman, of Hazlehurst, is contemplating a trip to Newport, Ark., in the near future, where she will visit her son, John W. Davis. Read The Freeman, A. L. Butler agent. The marriage of Miss Henrietta Reasau and Mr. Ferdinand Thomas occurred Wednesday evening, the 6th, at the St. James Episcopal Church. Miss Henrietta is the charming daughter of Mr. Horace and Mrs. Katherine Reasau. Mr. Thomas is a young man of push and energy from Marksville, La., where preparations have been made for a brand new home. The Grand Army of the Republic, which has headquarters at Touiane and Rampart streets, New Orleans, La., was represented in our city last week by the chief mustering officer, the Hon. F. C. Antoinne, of that city, for the purpose of inspecting their subordinates here. Mr. Antoinne was the first G. C. of K of P. in the State of Louisiana. The contemplation of the connection of Pineville to Alexandria by the extension of a bridge across the river would not be considered an ancient improvement by any means. H. A. Dawson, who was very ill for several days, is up again. The Lamourie public school is favored with the late and up-to-date system of teaching under the preceptress of the efficient teacher, Mrs. Jennie Hobbs, city. The traveling representative of The Freeman, H. B. Jordan, visited our city last week. A good many subscribers to The Freeman who will visit the Mardi Gras in New Orleans want their paper sent to them during their stay in that city, which means "I love my own." If The Freeman is known to Monroe, La., Alexandria would like to hear from her. Miss Mary Jackson will leave for New Orleans Sunday 17 inst on an indefinite pleasure trip. Mobile, Ala., will please insert in her items in next issue of The Freeman the address of Thomas H. Horrace and Miss Lula Norman. Mrs. Wheeler Ruben left on the 4 inst. to join her husband, who is in New Mexico, to reside permanently.

News Notes

Rockford, Ill., Special.—The Consistory met Feb. 19; all members present; acting commander in chief, J. King Cannon, 33 degree; Second Lieutenant, E. J. Slaughter; Secretary, J. W. Scott, quite a few visitors from abroad were present; among them were, E. J. Slaughter, Bartley Lewis and Henry Barries. They are making preparation for their uniform; their meeting night is the 2nd Tuesday in every month. Princess Zora Chapter, No. 20, met last Tuesday in regular meeting and five new candidates were added to their chapter; all members were present and enjoyed a good meeting; it is doing a good work; present matron, Miss Dela Barnes. Mrs. Holmes and Lehman are contemplating a visit to Chicago next week. C. C. Lewis is traveling with the "Coon Hollow" Co.; his wife and little daughter make Rockford their home. Mrs. J. K. Cannon, who has been ill for a week, is much improved. The colored band is progressing nicely.

America News

America, Ala., Special.—This place is situated in one of the best mining regions of the state. The colored people are energetic, and many of them own their own homes and have neat bank accounts. The mines here do work amounting from $400.00 to $750.00 per month. The school is in charge of a competent teacher and is progressing. The churches, two in number, are well attended and progressive. The Bible Literary Society meets every Sunday at 2:30 o'clock. Upon the occasion of the Emancipation a spendid program was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Amanda J. Bell, one of our leading women, is a regular attendant at the Bible literary and also Mrs. Essie Farris. Lewis Sykes is convalescent; he is receiving special attention at the hands of the G. U. O. of O. F.

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No. 17. Peppers—"Red Prince." Large growth. Sweet and mild. The best table pepper.
No. 18. Pumpkin—"State Fair." Large but rich. Splendid for pies. Will win prizes for you wherever shown.
No. 19. Radish—"Apple Flesh." Summer radish, crisp and mild. Can be eaten like an apple.
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Terre Haute Happenings.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—Rev. Johnson Burden, of Brazil, was in the city this week. Mother Terry is very much improved from her recent sickness. The Rev. Laine, of Mt. Vernon Baptist church, stopped over in the city last week, en route to Crawfordsville, Ind. Paris Thomas, of Paris, Ill., was in the city last Sunday. Mother Joyner, who has been confined to her bed for five weeks is able to be out again. William Daniels, of Greencastle, Ind., was in the city last Sunday. Riley Walden is slowly improving. Benjamin Porter, who has been on the sick list for some time, is out again.

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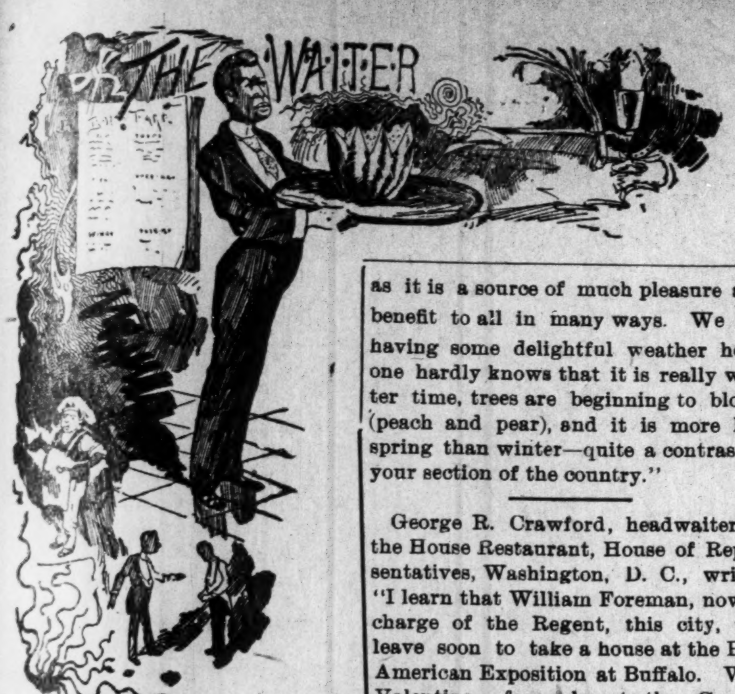

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W. FORREST COZART.

Frank E. Emery, who was in charge of the dining room at the Cliff House, Manatou Springs, Colorado, last season, is now headwaiter at Rice's Hotel, Houston, Texas. Mr. Emery is a member of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.

A. L. Harris, who succeeded Charles Johnson as headwaiter at the Griswold Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., has retired from that hotel.

E. T. Montgomery, who has been headwaiter at the Oriental, Dallas, Tex., for the past four months, has resigned and will return to Chicago.

H. T. Eubanks, formerly headwaiter at the Weddell and Hollenden Hotels, Cleveland, Ohio, and late of the Russell House, Detroit, Mich., is a candidate for Alderman in the 4th ward Cleveland, Ohio.

In the death of M. D. Pettis, headwaiter at the Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minn., the profession loses one of its most conspicuous figures. Mr. Pettis was headwaiter at the Palmer House restaurant, Chicago, on two occasions, resigning to accept the Ryan in 1890 Mr. Pettis belonged to the old school that turned out such men as "Charlie" Jordan, of Palmer House fame, which accounts for Mr. Pettis not being a member of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.

C. Saunders, of 304 Seventh street, St Paul, Minn, writes: "M. D. (Major) Pettis, headwaiter at the Ryan Hotel, this city, died here January 23, and was buried on the following Sunday. Mr. Pettis was an Odd Fellow and Mason, and had held his position at the Ryan for over ten years, where he was loved and respected by all. He also conducted the finest barber shop in St. Paul, and was one of our most respected citizens. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss."

John Lacy, formerly a side waiter at the Hotel Travistock, Cleveland, Ohio, has been promoted to headwaiter at that hotel, succeeding the late Horace F. Martin.

Mrs. Horace F. Martin, widow of the late Horace F. Martin, has gone to Chicago, Ill., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. C C. Lewis, wife of the well-known headwaiter C. C. Lewis, who is at present headwaiter at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Thomas H. Frame, formerly headwaiter at the Beckel Hotel, Dayton, O, and late of the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind., has succeeded Mr. Al Robson as headwaiter at the Knutsford otel, Salt Lake City, Utah.

J. F. Holman, who has been second waiter at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., for a long while, has resigned that position and accepted the headwaiter's position at the Columbia Club, in that city, succeeding Thos. H. Frame. Mr. Holman is an efficient officer, and will no doubt make a good record at the Columbia. He is also a member of the H. & S W. N. B. A.

The following letter, which was recently received by J. D. Cook, a waiter at the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, Wis., is self explanatory:

Speaker's Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D C, Mr. J. D. Cook, 391 Sixth street, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Dear Sir—Yours of recent date relative to the construction of Article XV of the Constitution of the United States has been received and the attention of the Speaker will be called to the same.

Very respectfully,
J. O RICHARDS,
Private Secretary.

Samuel Hodges, late chef at the Oglethorpe Hotel, Brunswick, Ga,, is now recuperating his health at his home in Montrose, Ala, near Mobile. Writing under date of Feb. 10 Mr. Hodges ssay: "I am sorry that your literary work necessitates you giving up the presidency of the H. & S. W. N. B. A. However, I hope that you will continue to edit the Waiters' column in The Freeman, as it is a source of much pleasure and benefit to all in many ways. We are having some delightful weather here; one hardly knows that it is really winter time, trees are beginning to bloom (peach and pear), and it is more like spring than winter—quite a contrast to your section of the country."

George R. Crawford, headwaiter in the House Restaurant, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., writes: "I learn that William Foreman, now in charge of the Regent, this city, will leave soon to take a house at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Wm. Valentine, formerly at the Gauset, Providence, R. I., is booking men for the Buffalo Exposition. The House Restaurant has a very efficient chef in the person of Mr. John Brown. Chef Brown has an able crew, which is as follows: Thos. Colbert, second cook; Frank Carroll, third cook; John Liverpool, fourth cook. All of the above crew is colored."

Among the many waiters who have gone into business for themselves and are making a success may be mentioned W. H. Jones, dealer in tobacco, cigars and smoking articles, barber shop and bath rooms. He also has a laundry office in connection with his business at 705 Wiley Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Jones also sells waiters' jackets, shirts, collars, cuffs and ties; therefore a waiter can go into Mr. Jones' place, take a bath, buy a new outfit, leave his clothes in laundry, get a hair cut, shave and a smoke. Mr. Jones is also a member of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.

Ed. C. Berry, proprietor of the Hotel Berry, Athens, Ohio, is one of the few colored men who have shown their ability to own and manage a first class hotel. In the February issue of the "Hotel Life" Mr. Berry tells how he started in the hotel business as follows: "My first business was that of confectionery and restaurant, which was started in 1878 with a capital of $40. Our enterprise might have been termed a 'family supply place' as we did quite a lucrative business in furnishing eatables prepared ready for the table, and serving banquets and wedding parties and receptions. During the first five years we managed to save and pay $1,300 for a building lot, borrowed $2,000 and started to erect our first building, which was located directly across the street from the leading hotel." Mr. Berry then tells of additions in '92, '94 and '99, at which time he had succeeded in establishing a first class, cozy little hotel containing forty-six rooms, with bath on each floor and some rooms with baths. The dining room has a seating capacity of seventy-five. There is one large writing room and four large sample rooms. Mr. Berry is reputed to be worth at least $25,000. His hotel is patronized almost exclusively by the very best class of white people. Thus it will be seen that the colored man is gradually coming to the front in every spere of life, especially in the hotel world.

The Freeman is the official race organ of the Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association, therefore every member should become a subscriber to same. The publishers have made a mid-winter reduction and offer The Freeman one year for one dollar. This is a good opportunity for those who are not already subscribers, and the editor of this department earnestly appeal to the head and side waiters throughout the country to subscribe now. The Freeman is the only colored journal in the United States that publishes personal notes of waiters and defends them against the attacks of ignorant writers who delight in burlesqing waiters at every opportunity. Now it remains to be seen if the waiters will help those who are befriending them. A waiters column is an inovation in colored journals. Now will the waiters subscribe for the paper that has conceded so much space to their department? Come now, boys, and demonstrate that you, as colored men, will patronize a worthy race enterprise.

Gilbert A. Burnett, headwaiter and caterer of Philadelphia, now headwaiter of the Bartram Hotel, Philadelphia, will not return to the Cateract House, Niagara Falls, N. Y., this summer. No doubt the managers are very sorry to lose the service of G. A Burnett at the Falls, as no headwaiter ever had a class of first class waiters at the Cateract Hotel that came any where near the waiters that Mr. Burnett had last year. We congratulate Mr. Burnett on the change, as he will take charge of the Brywn Mawr Hotel, near Philadelphia, with the management of two of the leading hotelmen of the country, Mr. Fred. and Leland Sterry, at present managing no less than eight hotels—Hot Spring, Fla., Brywn Mawr and Lake Wood, N. J. Mr. Leland Sterry has in Mr. G. A. Burnett one of Philadelphia's best headwaiters. None but strictly first class men are employed by him. Mr. Burnett has had charge of some of the best hotels in the east. No men that gamble can stay with him. We wish Mr. Burnett great success.

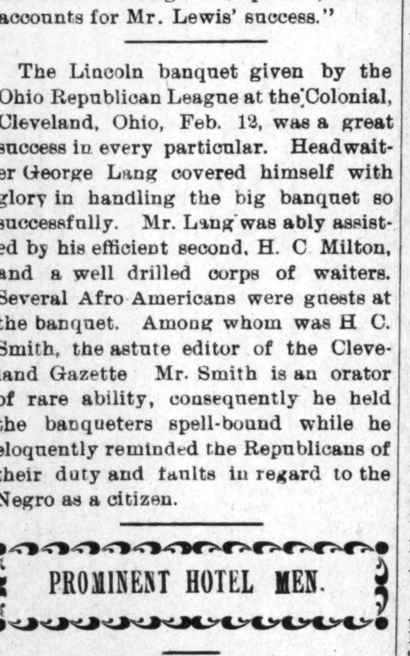
T. Albert Nix, who is acting secretary at the Hotel Beckel, Dayton, Ohio, for Headwaiter George Davis, writes: "I congratulate you upon your Waiters' Department in The Freeman. Every Saturday the boys are anxiously awaiting the arrival of The Freeman, and carefully peruse the waiters' department. Your advice to the colored waiters to make new resolves for the ensuing year is a good one, and I hope will do much good. What do you think about the Buffalo Exposition and the colored waiters chances at same? Mr. J. J Rice is headwaiter at the Algonquin Hotel. George Bailey is still headwaiter at the Phillips House and Chas Hunter at the Atlas Hotel. I read your able work on The Freeman weekly, and point with pride to all of my fellow workman that I am one of your students."

Seymour Gibbs, a waiter, formerly employed at the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, is now employed by the Ohio Fish and Food Commissioners, and is in charge of their private car "Buckeye," which is touring the South. Under date of Feb. 9th Mr. Gibbs writes from St. Augustine, Fla., as follows: "All winter hotels here are open and doing a good business. That prince of headwaiters, Frank P. Thompson, who is headwaiter-in-chief for the Florida East Coast Hotel Company, is making his headquarters here at the Ponce de Leon, where he has a corps of 150 well trained waiters. It is so warm down here I cannot keep my coat on. Peach trees are in full bloom and remind one more of spring than winter. I am off for Jacksonville. Will return about March 10th via Nashville, Tenn., where I hope to visit W. W. Banks, headwaiter at the Maxwell House, and other friends."

W. R. Harris, who recently retired from the Caddillac Hotel, where he filled the position of second waiter under Headwaiter H. Williams for a short time, writes as follows: "E. M. Barker, who has filled the position of captain at the Russell under several headwaiters, has been installed as second waiter at that house. J. C. Pully has succeeded Mr. Dudley, a white man, as second waiter in the Russell House cafe. Mr. Pully was formerly headwaiter at the Metropole Hotel in this city. R. D. Moody, late of the Bates House, Indianapolis, Ind., was installed as second waiter at the Cadillac Jan. 29. This makes three second men employed at the Cadillac during January. J. B. Carter, of Baltimore, Md., was recently made second waiter at the Metropole Hotel under Headwaiter Williams. The Griswold Hotel opened up a fine cafe recently with colored boys. Girl waiters are employed in the American room at the Griswold. Nathan Lewis formerly a waiter at the Russell House and late headwaiter at the Iroquoise Club, has opened up a first class club house for himself, with a ladies and gents cafe attached. Mr. and Mrs Lewis also keep a lodging house at 69 Champlain street. Mrs. Lewis is a good help-meet, which accounts for Mr. Lewis' success."

The Lincoln banquet given by the Ohio Republican League at the Colonial, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12, was a great success in every particular. Headwaiter George Lang covered himself with glory in handling the big banquet so successfully. Mr. Lang was ably assisted by his efficient second, H. C Milton, and a well drilled corps of waiters. Several Afro Americans were guests at the banquet. Among whom was H. C. Smith, the astute editor of the Cleveland Gazette Mr. Smith is an orator of rare ability, consequently he held the banqueters spell-bound while he eloquently reminded the Republicans of their duty and faults in regard to the Negro as a citizen.

PROMINENT HOTEL MEN.



E M. CRIGLER,
Headwaiter, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

Table Silver a Burden to Headwaiters.

(By W. E Tucker.)

Much has been written from time in your valuable paper concerning various hotels, cafes and restaurants and the heads of the same departments, therefore I take liberty in making a simple suggestion

I find in various hotels, etc, it seems absolutely impossible to keep touch with your table silver, more especially the teaspoons. This seems to be the case more so in hotel cafes where the similar silver of the main dining hall is used in the help hall, kitchen and many other departments of the house where it should not be. I will suggest that the silver ware for the main dining hall should not be used in any other department for under those circumstances it is a matter of impossibility for the headwaiter to keep up with the ware, yet he is held responsible, and some managers hold them strictly to the agreement. You may take stock once a week, once a month, yet more or less you are teaspoons short. You will wonder where can that silver be. As a rule the private men and close watchmen may make rounds on the halls, etc, but not a single piece can be found, yet the star boarders have spoons in their rooms. A bell boy will appear at the dining room door and say to the headwaiter "a teaspoon and glass for room 118," etc., and after the headwaiter has absented himself from the room that is still the cry to the close watchman in the meantime. He brings no order from the office, but gets the spoon and glass or any other article that may be asked for by the guest. That is one great opening for silver to disappear, and after being used and kept in the room to take drugs, etc., remains in the guest's room,

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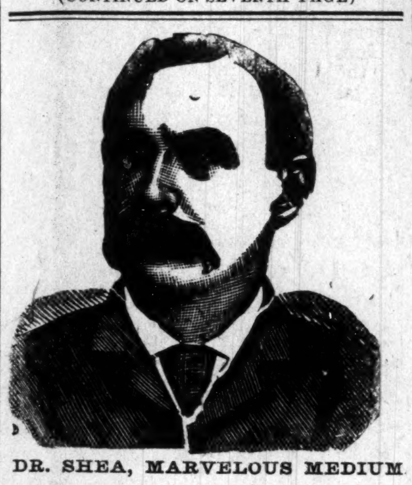

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THE AFRICAN RACE PROBLEM.

We, of America, in view of trials due to race, are too willing to give credence to statements that are intended to show that the race suffers most in America. Men who claim to be well informed will insist that this place or that place is far better than this country, and that the Negroes should go there. The fact of the matter is, there is no similar racial condition in the world to this of our own country, and there never has been. There are conditions in Africa that are now taking on the aspect of the American problem, and the English who prate of their liberty creating atmosphere are not conducting themselves according to their exceedingly well advertised principles.

We subjoin an article from the Lagos Weekly Record, an African publication, which shows up the blunt, bluff Englishmen in all of their bluntness and bluffishness. For down right crudeness in teaching the natives their lines of activity it amounts to a burlesque on our refined, scientific American system:

"The captain of the government stern wheeler 'Binue' was once ordered to do something by a European clerk in the military transport department on board this ship, and before the black captain could reply, the clerk, Wilson, slapped him for not taking off his hat before him, a white man. Paul, the black captain, returned the third slap in the face, when the European clerk, Wilson, ordered Captain Paul to be thrown overboard by a soldier of the W. A. F. F., and Paul swam ashore; but he was arrested and brought before the European assistant Resident Davidson, who forwarded a final report to the High Commissioner, stating that Paul was provoked by Wilson, who struck the first blow, and, therefore, recommended his release. The High Commissioner is reported to have expressed a different view, and to have written on the report of the assistant Resident at Jebba that no provocation from Wilson could warrant Paul's striking a white man, and consequently Paul should have three months hard labor, be dismissed and his salary forfeited; and that in future 'the white man's prestige must be kept up in Nigeria at any cost.' After serving his three months, however, the High Commissioner directed the re-engagement of Captain Paul, the prisoner, on the same salary, provided Paul gave a bond with two sureties for £10 that he would never again strike a white man in his life. As Paul executed the bond, he is now captain of the steam launch 'Zaria.'

A native clerk, Mr. Chris. Thorpe, a relative of the Hon Sir Samuel Lewis, Kt., was one day crossing the bank of the river at Jebba when he met Second Lieutenat and Quartermaster Wallback who was lately at Lagos. This native saluted the white man and raised his hat, but omitted the sacred ceremony of taking his pipe out of his mouth before saluting a white man; when he had a sudden reminder from Wallback, who gave Thorpe a stinging stroke on the lips with his walking stick, which knocked the pipe off Thorpe's mouth to the high glee of the quartermaster."

This, the land of our forbears, that even now beckons to us for repatriation that gospel preached by Bishop Turner and others who can see no good for Negroes in America.

The happenings related in the above are so grotesquely absurd that they are humorous in spite of the stern lessons they intend to teach. Yes, we may well sing:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty."

America has not reached that stage as shown in the above. Those were no more than brutal, personal insult, not justified by the offenses, and which "offenses" would not have been noticed in America by the most venemous saparatist on the continent. There was no intent to offend in either case. Good manners in the latter case would have suggested that the pipe should have been taken out of the mouth while speaking. Not to do so should have been charged up to that boorishness that made the distinction more emphatic between them, the distinctions that mark the savage as different from civilized men.

The Record has a very well written commentary on the events; in fact too well written for the nature of the cases. Such a commentary would do if the matter effected two highly civilized, highly diplomatic and highly garrisoned nations. Here follows a portion of the commentary. It is its own interpreter:

"The absurd lengths to which the silly policy of discrimination may be carried is exemplified in the separation made at Old Calabarin the matter of cemeteries—there being one cemetery for the European and another for the native. Such absurd distinctions do no practical good beyond pandering to narrow-minded prejudices, while on the other hand they tend to confirm the conviction with the native that the foreign rule introduced is intended for the white man's benefit only. No government can be truly successful which does not seek to promote the interests of the governed, which is the fundamental principle and raison d'etre of all government. And where discrimination is introduced in a government as between the governed and those who govern, it implies a perversion of the basic principle of government; and the government that proclaim its character in this wise is verily undermining its existence."

IN INDIANA.

The actions of two Negroes of our own State, one at Irvington, one of the splendid suburbs of Indianapolis, who attempted an outrage upon a white girl, and the other at Terre Haute, who murdered a young white school teacher, robbed her and perhaps had another end in view, are very very regretable. Every sensible Negro will condemn their actions as serious infractions on the rules of society, the laws of man and of God. But that does not end the matter; it is again we have forced home the demonstration of racial depravity that is so often urged.

It will be admitted that it was a hard punishment that was meted out to the Terre Haute Negro, who was hanged and burned, but no more so than that he dealt his victim. The murderer of that innocent woman, a school teacher, who was working her way through school, is a foul blot on the Negro race that only years of atonement and contrition can undo The mob that sent him to his reward, or those of that race will never stand so belittled by the mob's action as the Negroes of Indiana stand to-day by his action.

There is nothing to be said in behalf of either of those Negroes. They, by their thoughtlessness and depraved natures, have been the means of piling disgrace upon the State and reducing the Negroes in the estimation of the whites. They have made it easier for the repetition of mob violence by toning down the public conscience. Thousands to-day stand sanctioning the use of the rope and the torch that yesterday were opposed to such heroic remedies.

But great as the crime there stands its adequate punishment or its possibility. The laws should prevail and not mob courts that are laws unto themselves and whose one great ear catches but one sound—crucify him! Men will always question the mobs wisdom in the selection of its victims. Mobs are sometimes wrong. As has been well said, let the legislature make laws sufficiently strong to head off the evil, and thus avoid the necessity of the gathering together of lawless men who break the laws in trying to serve the community.

Magnus L. Robinson, of Washington, D. C., is heading a movement on the part of quite a number of representative colored men to present Hon. Wm E. Chandler, United States Senator, a gold headed cane as a token of the appreciation and esteem in which he is held by the colored people generally for his manifold services to the race. Senator Chandler retires the 4th of March after having served a period of fourteen years.

THE DRINK AND GAMBLING HABITS.

Prof. B. T. Washington has been doing some plain and pointed talking to his students in his Sunday afternoon talks. A few Sundays ago he chose for his subject the drink and gambling habits and their effects generally. He spoke, in part, as follows:

"Quite a number of our young men in the cities stay up until twelve, one and two o'clock each night. Sometimes they are at a dance and sometimes at the gambling table in some low brothel, or drinking in some saloon As a result they go late fo their work, and in a short time you hear them complaining about having lost their positions They will tell you they have lost their job because of race prejudice, or because their former employers are not going to hire colored help any longer. You will find, though, that they have lost their jobs on account of carelessness; because they were not punctual Then you will find that you will go down if you yield to temptation and indulge in strong drink That is a thing which is carrying great numbers of our young men down."

Yes, quite too many times at the gambling table and at the dance, and too often at either in the same night.

The pulpits, the schools and newspapers have much to do in teaching the magnitude of these evils that are looked upon as the little sins.

It is a sad commentary upon the race when school children can see no differences, so far as habits are concerned, between those that lead and those that follow. Yet it is a condition that obtains too largely here, and perhaps elsewhere.

The child mind is not normal unless it is totally blank to the possibility of vices in those that lead. Not that vice may not exist, but it is not to be flaunted if it does. If the child mind is normal and yet innoculated with such beliefs it is because of the repeated demonstration in its presence or because it is thus expressly taught, hence the mind of that community is not normal. The above may be considered insinuatingly put, but the assertions are based upon nothing but experience.

Gambling is an evil that is held in too high an esteem. The drink habit may not be as bad, for it is not the majority that drink that are ruined by it, while the few gamblers must live at the expense of the many. Nothing is to be urged in the favor of either, but there is too much respect attached to gambling. "Crap shooting" is a craze, and he is to be laughed at that do not know the intricacies of "come seven," "come eleven" and the rest of the "crap shooter's" idioms.

In the selection of Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of our senior senator, as president of the Daughters of the American Revolution Indiana has cause to be proud. This institution ramifies throughout the Union; hence the selection reflects very great and very desirable popularity. We risk the opinion that it is a very good omen in favor of her very distinguished husband.

Senator C W. Fairbanks is working hard to make the proposed federal building what it should be. An increased appropriation for that purpose has been secured through his tireless efforts.

Selma Notes.

Selma, Ala., Special.—Mr. Richmond Smith one of our boys, now of Montgomery was in the city last week. Quite an enjoyable masquerade entertainment was given at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Beatly on last Tuesday night. Mr. Chas. Peebles is out again after a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr T. J. Hooks has returned from Mobile, where he went to witness the Mardi Gras. The largest snow Selma has had for years is just disappearing. Rev. C. J. Hardy, ex pastor of the First Baptist church was in the city the past week and preached at the above named church last Sunday. Visitors to the various Mardi Gras Carnivals have returned and report an enjoyable time Jim Wells whose trial was called last Wednesday in the city court for the killing of Robt Watson last fall was found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentence to fifteen years imprisonment.

Jottings.

Galveston, Tex., Special.—The Lone Star Cotton Jammers and Long Shoremen's association of Texas gave a grand excursion and cotton exhibition at Houston, Tex., Feb. 23, over the Southern Pacific Sunset route, G. H. & H. R. R. The Freeman can be had every week at Harry Devan's popular barbershop, 25th street bet. Market and post office, at 5 cents a copy. The Olympic theatre is still drawing large crowds nightly; Almo and Bebee are doing a great act. George Harris, who has one of the largest second hand stores in the south, is a new reader of The Freeman. He is a colored man and is doing an immense business at his store on Market street, bet. 27th and 28th streets.

MEMPHIS AROUSED

Over the Lynching of a Negro Youth at Dyersburg, Tenn.

Memphis, Tenn., special: The law, like a flaming sword, hangs above our heads. Therefore, we fail to see why it is not left to take its course. On Feb. 18 the fair name of sunny Tennessee was besmirched with blood at a small town named Dyersburg, a colored youth being lynched in broad daylight, so the correspondent reports from that place. We ask the question, What was the charge against this man? The answer is given, Attempted murder and rape on a young white woman. Your correspondent does not desire to defend any one who is guilty of robbing a fair maiden of her virtue or commiting a murder, but there is one thing that is due us as a race. Do not condemn before a fair trial by law. Do not charge us as a race of being guilty for one man's sins. Judge us by our best men and not by those who frequent dives and commit all manner of crimes. Accept the testimony of our own people as a truth-loving and sympathetic community should, and then we will lend our support in pulling the rope of law around the culprit's neck. At this writing another Negro, said to be implicated in the same crime, is dangling at the end of a rope. Mississippi could not afford to be outdone by her sister State, and she comes in with two Negroes shot to death, at the same time Tennessee was enjoying her festivities. Those put to death in Mississippi were charged with barn-burning, so you see, when the cry is raised that the Negro is only lynched for rape, it can be branded as a lie of the blackest type. It seems that as a race we are on the stormy sea of prejudice, being rocked to and fro as the winds of hatred will. We can now understand why the sailors, when off the coast of England, pray that beautiful prayer, "Keep me, O my God, for my craft is so small and the ocean is so wide." The reason why we plead for the law to take its course is to save the inocent ones. Charges are easily made, but hard to prove. Never shall your correspondent forget that dark and doleful night when in childhood days he witnessed the lynching of an old colored man, 60 years of age, charged with entering the room of two white ladies. Now, how did this charge come about? One fair evening it seemed by the decision of fate, this man, who was plodding his way homeward, stopped in a store kept by these women. His mission was to buy 5 cents' worth of tobacco. When his purchase was made he quietly found his way home. Seating himself he at once commenced to enjoy a nice smoke. That same night a white man under the influence of liquor went to the room where these women slept. They were awakened and screamed. The man fled through a window. The next morning an larm was given. When asked for a description of the parties these women remembered the old man who was in the store and said they thought it was him, as he acted very suspicious. The old man was arrested, taken to jail; that night a crowd assembled around the jail; the volunteer Southerners were called out to protect the prisoner, but would not come, stating they would not shoot their own people for a Negro. This man, poor and feeble, was strung up to a limb of a tree in the court house yard. The next day the conscience of the white man forced him to say to the mob you have killed an innocent man; come and get me. I did it. Yes; they went, and brought him to Vicksburg. The officers of the law were armed, and they armed their prisoner and rode through the streets of that city unmolested. What became of the white man? A hung jury, and never more brought to trial. These are facts which can not be denied.

Now, since the photographs of the ones who participated in the lynching of the Negroes at Dyersburg were taken, we wonder will they be brought to justice? There is no excuse. They can not say unknown parties did it, as this was in broad daylight and the lynchers wore no masks. These things are hard to write about, but as the press is the only voice the people possess, we use the words of the text preached by the great Talmage, "Cut loose the stammering tongue and speak for God and humanity."

Col. H. I. Price, one of our leading white citizens, who is with Carrothers-Jones Shoe Company, hits the nail on the head when he says no true Southerner hates to see the colored people advance; that it is only the poor white trash that envies his progress. Col. Price is of fair Virginian birth and is a descendant of Sterling H. Price, who was at one time Governor of Missouri. The whole race should feel proud of such remarks. We are sure he voices the sentiments of the whole Southland.

Your correspondent was on his rounds a few days ago and stopped into the office of King I. Chambers' art company 189 Beale, where art work of a very high character is turned out. A visit to the studio over which Mr. Chambers presides will convince the most fastidious critic ot his great ability in his chosen profession. His work is certainly very excellent and he merits the liberal support of the Memphis people. J. E. Parker and J. Fair, two of the best tonsorial artists in the city, have renewed their place at 535 Main street and The Freeman can be found there. The 400 gave an entertainment Friday night, February 15, at the residence of Mr. Carrs' on Wellington street. The Freeman is still on sale at 22 Allen avenue. Mesdames M. E. Busby and Joe Busby of Southland College, Ark., were up to witness the Mardi Gras and were the guests of Mrs. L. B. Brideforth, 769 Georgia street. Charles Thomas, one of The Freeman subscribers is reported as being very sick.

Mrs. O. S. Ridley is on the sick list this week. Miss Lilly Stevenson was on the sick list last week. Our correspondent Mr. P H. Montgomery was tendered a surprise supper at Smith's Cafe last Sunday night by Messrs. W. Smith, Thaedore Williams and Barnnie Coff. Boys, the Freeman Association appreciate such kind treatment especially when tendered by such distingushed citizens Mr. Geo. Ford has opened a restaurant called the English Kitchen at 200 Beal street he has in connection furnished rooms so in passing by stop in and give him a trial.

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E. W. SADLER.

Interesting Notes.

Corsicana, Tex., Special.—Will D. Battle better known as "Battle-ax" famous minstrel jokers did not get to make their appearance on account of the bad weather; but look out for they are still preparing. Sick list Mrs. Clara Griffins, Levi Henderson, W. H. Borders, Mrs. R. H. Hardee, Mary Powell and Alice Elliott. The Citizen Cadet band has employed them a new teacher from Bastrop. The white people of this city think they are catching the smallpox from their colored wash women. Miss Hattie Johnson who have been visiting her sister-in-law in this city has return to her home in La Grange accompanied by her sister Mrs. S. C. Johnson. Mr. D. H. Hawkins is at his post again as waiter in the Commercial Hotel. Mrs. Cora Chance has built a new house. You sure ought to hear Vernia Johnson string; band it is certainly some thing grand.

Interesting Items.

Farmington, Mo., Special —Mrs J H Noland left for St Louis on the 25th for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends. Rev S L Bean is in Frederick town assisting Rev R Bartleson in a series of meetings. Little Nora Matthews has been very sick, but is improving. The entertainment on the 22d was a grand success, and all interested were highly pleased with the result. Misses Mary Jones and Susie Young are expected home in a few days both having just closed their schools. H B Keatts is now chief cook at one of our city restaurants. Mrs Docia Drew made a flying business trip to Bonneterre and Festus. Mesdames Birdie Hunt, Emma Harris, Mary Cayce, Louisa Gunnell and Bettie Myers were all initiated in the Ladies' Court on the 23d. Refreshments were served during the evening, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Mrs Eliza Blackwell has been on the sick list for several days. Little Charley Nelson was accidently shot by one of the city butchers on the 23d. It is claimed it was done in fun. The ball passed about an inch above his heart. He is resting very poorly at this time. Of course nothing has been done to the white man. We are sorry to note the fact that Mrs Louise Hill of this city was called to Bonneterre to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs Green, who passed away a few days after her arrival there She leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn her loss Miss America Hunt has been confined to her home for two weeks, but is now able to resume her place in our public school.

Oxford News.

Oxford, O., Special.—The following persons are on the sick list Rev. G. Sauls, Mr Rochold, Mr. A. Bradly and Mrs. Hardy. Miss Hazel Reed is said to be the best writer in her class of 53 scholars. O. Bedenbaugh has finished his aditional two rooms. J. W. Harris is becoming quiet a playwright. He has written two plays which he intends to have published soon. Rev. Mitchell is spending a week with his wife in Vanworth, O. Mr. H. Rankins and Mrs. E. Mason were married on the 7th.

Local News.

Oxford, Ohio, Special.—Rev. N. M. Mitchell has returned to his charge after two week's visit to his home. After allowing Miss Brunner's class to have the banner for nine Sundays Rev. Mitchell's class finally takes it. Many people of this city are and have been victims of la grippe. Spencer Towsey visited friends and relatives last week. Mrs. Jenny Kelley entertained on last Tuesday. Mrs. Nancy Prock and Master Wayne Bedenbaugh are ill. Bruce Bedenbaugh is confined to the house with rheumatism. Rev. G. Sauls is out again among his friends after being confined to his house for months.

Founder's Day at Wilberforce

Every year carries the period of beginning further and further away. Founders' Day at Wilberforce University is held as sacred as any other day in the year. On Sunday and Monday, February 24 and 25, Founders' Day was observed at Wilberforce University. Three of the distinguished Bishops of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church graced the occasion by their presence. Bishop Benjamin T. Tanner preached Sunday morning, Bishop Benjamin F. Lee in the afternoon, and Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett in the evening. All of the speakers agreed that the founding of Wilberforce University was one of the great events of the nineteenth century, and that Bishop Daniel A. Payne, Bishop James A. Shorter and Dean John G. Mitchell were wise and good men, and that they had great faith in the redeeming power of knowledge.

On Monday a mass meeting was held at which citizens, students and teachers delivered brief addresses. After the mass meeting there was a military review by the cadet battalion and the observances ended with an entertainment in the University Chapel in the evening.

Wilberforce, Ohio.

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THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Indianapolis, Ind, continuous and idefinite

Posey and Powers have closed with "Coontown 400."

Harry Craton is now in Chicago rehearsing a new act for next season.

Gracie Halliday is in Chicago interested in a hair dressing parlor with Mrs. Jennie Hawkins.

Al. E., and Mamie Holman send regards to all friends and say the "Picks" are still going big.

Kittie Brown is still making a hit at the Buckingham theatre, Tampa, Fla., and sends regards to friends

Tommy Carter, of the Bowery Burlesquers was a Freeman caller last week. He is the only colored member of the company.

Chas. T., and Nellie V. Small send regards to Chas. Moore, of "Coon Hollow," and all friends, and says, "I will answer all letters

Eddie Gray, of Cincinnati Ohio, the boy tenor, is now singing that beautiful sacred ballad "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," and is making a big hit.

Chas. J. Ross sends regards to the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" Co., and Albert Johnson, and says, "Oh, the Plattville should be O K; will the bunch be there?

Rusco & Holland's Nashville Students in union with L. E. Gideon's minstrel carnival closes a successful three days' engagement at the Park theatre, Indianapolis, tonight

The Jones Bros., Blutch and Will, write from Bris Bane, Australia, that they are making a tremendous hit at the Theatre Royal, where they have been for eight months.

Bennie Campbell and Buddie Glenn have formed a co-partnership and opened a new place of amusement, which will be known as the Peoples' Theatre, 2715 Market street, Galveston, Tex.

Ralph S. Devine, the king of trombone players, closed with Rusco & Holland's Original Nashville Students, and is in Cincinnati visiting his grandmother, sister and friends. He sends regards to all.

Harry Fidler, leading comedian with Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia minstrels, was called to his home at Indianapolis on account of the death of his mother. He has the sympathy of his fellow performers.

Al. E., and Mamie Holman and Chas. J. Ross were entertained by Messrs. George Watkins and Will Dixon, of the Blackstone quartette, at Boston on Feb. 18. The "Agitator" said good-bye to them when we were going away.

Pearle Hunter, the man "Billy Piper" calls "agitator," is alright while he's working, but he's a — — — ? otherwise, and he will produce a song in Cleveland shortly written for him by Chas. J. Ross, called "That Pretty Boy From Cairo."

George G Bundy writes from Philadelphia that he will put on a show at Bradenburg's theatre on the first for an eight week's run after which he will stage J. B. Black's "Sunny South" Co., for the summer season using all Western people.

Frank Mallory, of Mallory Bros., and Brooks, writes that they are playing the Keith circuit of vaudeville houses, meetwith big success; this being the first colored musical team to play this circuit. They open in Chicago April 1 for a month's stay.

On account of the closing of the "Colored Aristocracy" Co., in Van Couver, B. C., Feb. 12, the Hendersons are at liberty, and can be engaged for the coming season; for particulars write to R. O. Henderson, Seattle, Wash., cfo St. James Hotel.

Isaac G. Curtis, The Freeman representative at Charleston, S. C., writes that "A Trip to Coontown" played to a large house Feb 19, the audience being principally colored. Martin and Alston had good business on the 22 at the Jenkins Orphanage Fair.

Prof. Wm. D. Acklen, of Nashville, Tenn., sang the "Heavenly Song" Sunday evening, Feb. 17, at Spruce Street Baptist Church. Prof. Acklen is the finest basso singer in the South, and has been singing with this church choir twelve years This choir is the best in the State. Prof. Acklen's address is 315 N. McNairy street, Nashville, Tenn.

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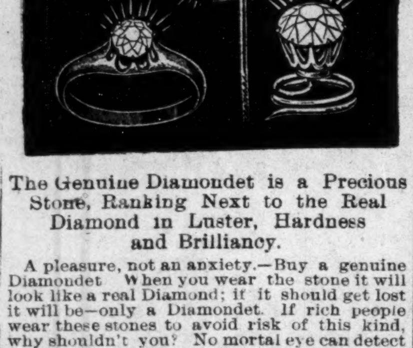

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Mr. Washington, of Slayton's Jubilee Singers, has in preparation a very pathetic mother song, "As Your Head Grows Whiter, I Will Love You More and More," which he will soon add to the program. He is also rehearsing "Julia," and he says when he puts it on and goes through his pictorial poses, which will be a feature of the song, he is satisfied it should prove a winner.

King Rastus Notes—After aimlessly drifting around for ten weeks with Isham's King Rastus Company, and not seeing one salary day, I closed with the above company and accepted $5.50 at Portland, Oregon. The company is on its last legs, and it is a question of "shall we eat and stay here or make the next town and not eat?" I decided to stay here and eat and let them make all the towns possible. I sail for Alaska March 20th with Orth & Zanen. Regards to friends and success to others.

Herbert LaShe writes from Des Moines, Iowa.—I have received several good offers for next season, but will announce whom I have signed with later. "Hottest Coon in Dixie" had good biz here; the show is still the talk of the town; their turns were all good and the singing was fine. Black Patti is due here March 4, 5, 6. John W. Isham's "King Rastus" is due soon. John Owens and Gertrude Revells are in the city. Regards to Simpson and Pittman. I will spend the summer in New York.

Notes from Allen, Quine and Oakes' New Orleans minstrels.—We played Mobile, Ala., right behind Primrose & Dockstader and the Madi Gras to fair business; while there we met Billy King and Clarence Bush; they are doing very nicely and send best wishes to all. In Selma, Ala., we did a big business; after the show we were all royally entertained by J. Garrett, proprietor of the Alabama minstrels, and a lot of the other members of his company. Brit Craig, tenor singer and F. H. Weaver wish to be remembered by professionals. J. Garrett is an old performer and never fails to look after professionals when they reach Selma; his regards to all we meet. One of our old members, Miss Pearl Wyatte, was glad to see us at her home, Mobile. In three days we have made three states: Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. J. Bailey is still telling them with ease.

Buffalo professional letter.—Cissel and Mines, the colored magnets, write that they are off to success again; they open at the Jubilee theatre, Montreal, Canada, for four weeks. Miss Sible Sinn made a great hit last week at the Tivoli Winter Garden. Hurrah, for the Morning Glory concert hall; its off to success again, under the management of W. P. Rhodes and Allen G Rogers. They gave a successful opening Feb. 22. Billy and Madrid Jackson are at Blakly's winter garden. John D. Loll's "Pan-American Coons" opened their season at Niagara Falls, Ont., Friday, Feb. 22, and were greeted with a packed house. Johnson and Verona opened at Pan-American garden for two weeks to good success. The Ver Vailins, the world's greatest colored musical act, was a special card at the Lyceum theatre Sunday night Feb 24; they send regards to all Billy S. Le Vard, the "Black Millionaire," has signed with H. G. Reding's colored minstrels for the summer season to put on acts and manage the stage; he sends regards to all friends. Bob. Lasker says meet him after the Pan. Cissel and Mines would like to hear from D. Ireland Thomas. The big little four, the Jameson pickaninnies, after laying off for four weeks, are out for business again; they are at Court St. theatre this week, with Eastern circuit to follow; they send regards to all. Rubber says "hello to all Buffaloes." Our young colored band is doing fine. The Payne Sisters are held over another week at the Theatre Comique, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Miss Sadie Reeves and Charles Bougia have joined hands and will be known hereafter as Bougia and Reeves; they will play dates Will Davis states that he will go out this summer season, but will go into active practice for the coming season, as he will be the principal bass singer with the Williams and Walker Co.

J. Ed. Green writes from Chicago: After a lot of contradictions the Williams & Walker combination is back in town, holding the fort on the West Side at the Academy, where they are giving a first class show. The big singing numbers, viz, "Zulu Babe," "Dinah" and the "Blackville Strutters Ball" being a finished piece of stage work. Bert Williams has a pronounced hit in the "Fortune Telling Man," encores for a bow. Jessie Shipp is the professor, and is always seen among the scholars of Risk University at the right time Pete Hampton is the father of a few boys (?) that show their age. Ada Overton and Alice Mackey are dainty, and are placed to an advantage. Reese brothers and Douglas do some clever work with guns and batons. The Freeman sisters give some startling feats of dexterity in bending. George Walker closes the round of pleasure in a magnificent production of the Blackville Strutters ball. He is the "Hottest Coon" at present. Arthur (Strut) Payne, of "Hottest Coon in Dixie" fame, and Frank Fowler were in the city from the Mumphrey-Fisk Jubilee Singers. "Strut" says business is good. Billy Robinson, "Blondy," Harry Craton, Lizzie Taylor, Barnes and Buckner and little Lottie Grady are on the bill this week at the "Burley." W. A. Dean passed through the city en route to Pittsburg. John Brewer has closed with the "Coontown 400," and is in the city again. The Standard Quartet is at the Olympic this week. W. H. Proctor will open at the Victoria March 10th supported by a strong chorus—Bessie Hamilton, Grace Haliday, Hattie Jones, Florence Nooks, Cora Wilbur, James (Mamy) Moore, Norris Smith, H. D. Troy, Henry Harris, Charles Norton, Dees and Robinson—under direction of J. Ed. Green; W. H. Proctor, manager. There is a move on foot to give Elza Smith, brother of I N and A J. Smith, a benefit Mr. Smith has been sick some time. This matter should receive prompt attention.

Williams and Walker, the coon artists, in the "Sons of Ham" and Their Own Big Company, appeared at the Grand, Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 22, and put up an enjoyable performance, and had a fair sized house on Sunday. Williams and Walker open at the Academy in the "Sons of Ham," which is used as a vehicle to show the talent of the two colored stars With these two real coons will be their own big organization of fifty people. A bit of history as to the advent of Williams and Walker on the stage may prove interesting. Bert Williams the six feet one inch comedian, was born at Nassau, in the Bermuda Islands George Walker, his partner, was born in Lawrence, Kan. About nine years ago these two men met in San Francisco, Cal., where they were employed in a restaurant. At night after they had finished their day's work the two men would repair to the kitchen and there entertain their companions with songs and dances. One evening a well-known vaudeville manager, who was dining in the restaurant, heard about the two boys and decided to give them a trial, which he did the following week. A real out and out Negro entertainment—at that time being a novelty—their success was instantaneous and they were engaged for a short time. Finally they made their way to Chicago, and landed there with a small amount of capital. Being unable to make local managers believe that they could do anything they both went to work in a big new hotel, and from there they drifted to West Baden, Ind., giving performances in bar-rooms, and Manager Canary, who at that time was engaged with George Lederer in Casino, New York, productions, saw them and immediately engaged them. Their success was phenomenal. They showed New Yorkers what a real cake walk was. From the Casino they went to Koster & Bials, and after that engagement passed to their present management at the Academy. They will occupy the swellest rooms in the same Chicago hotel where they once were bell boys.

Charles R Parker, of Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival, writes—After a long silence I will once more attempt to tell you of the success of the big minstrel aggregation. We have just finished a tour of the Black Belt called the Sunny South, and the boys are very glad to once more be in what we all term God's country, but upon entering God's country some of them were not exactly prepared for the extreme cold weather, and several orders for overcoats and winter suits were put in at Wichita and Hutchinson. Arkansas was the last one of the Southern states, and as usual business was excellent; Fort Smith being the last stand in that state, and from there we played the principal cities in Indian and Oklahoma territories, and we are now in the noted Grasshopper state, Kansas, We played Winfield, Kans., and visited the principal saloons where Mrs. Nation and her band of crusaders had such a good time with their little hatchets; Wichita was our next stand, and it also bore evidence of Mrs. Nation's visit. This is our last week in Kansas and March 3 will find us in Denver, Col., for one week, and of course the boys are all getting ready, new suits and Raglan overcoats are very much in evidence. The show has been changed quite a bit; W. A. Dixon is singing "Around A Darkey's Home." W. N. Spilles' vocal selection is "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," and Jakie Smith is rendering "Down in the Deep Let Me Sleep When I Die" beyond criticism. The grand first part is a big feature; the beautiful scenery is always complimented. Messrs Kersands and Rucker close the grand first part with a very laughable finale, entitled, "The Wandering Minstrels," and they simply leave the audience roaring. Allie Brown, the king of the slack wire, opens the olio; McKissick and Jones, the "friccaseed coons" follow in a knockabout turn, which is full of fun. Toledo, the famous juggler, is next on the program, and holds the audience spell-bound. John Rucker, in his original monologue and singing his original parody on "Goo Goo Eyes" are mirth provoking. Bailey and Spiller musical artists, deserve special mention as they are very clever; Mr Bailey is doing the straight and Mr. Spiller the comedy. The Wigwam quartette of Louisville, Ky., has made a wonderful reputation this season because of their superior singing. Furber and Davis are next on the program, and they carry the title of the "Black Cyclones;" they are two of the best comedians and acrobats in the biz. The world's famous Billy Kersands closes the olio and he is always funny. Mr. Kersands will be a shining star in minstrelsy as long as he lives The performance concludes with a very funny after piece a burlesque on Mrs Nation and her crusaders, which is W. A. Rusco's original idea, and the music for the same was arranged by Clarence (Piccolo) Jones, and the people leave well pleased after seeing the largest and best minstrel show on earth.

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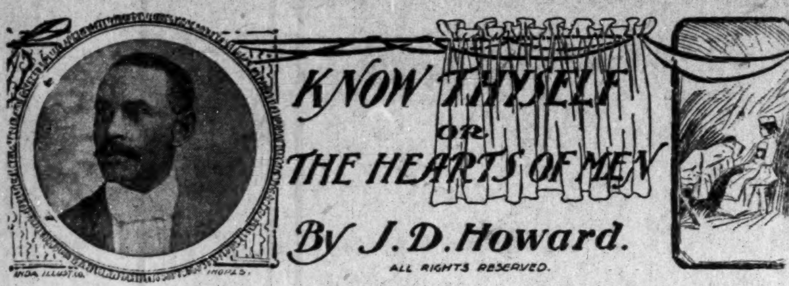

CHAPTER XXIII.

A CONVICT'S STORY.

Six weeks have elapsed since the ents narrated in the foregoing chapter; during which time Jack and Swift were kept in solitary confinement, and as this chapter opens their chances of again enjoying the privilege of the corridor in the day time with the rest of the prisoners were extremely meagre. The ides of July, with its suffocating heat, made the lot of the two men confined in their narrow steel cages a most miserable one indeed. Jack had contracted a severe cold the night he had lain upon the damp, cold stones of the unused cell after cutting the rod of the lever, which augmented, no doubt, by his close confinement, had settled upon his lungs. A single glance at his pale, sunken cheeks and hollow eyes as he lay listlessly fanning himself upon his bunk of straw, was sufficient to show that he was in the inceptive stages of that fell disease—consumption!

Since his confinement a wonderful change had come over him.

He had given up all hope of ever escaping now; he realized the nature of the awful malady that had befallen him and passed the greater portion of his gloomy solitude in reading the bible. His thoughts now were centered upon the preparation of his soul for the world to come. All was over in his earthly career, which he had so wantonly checkered with his wild recklessness and folly. Death and the grave were now the legitimate harvest of his sins, and he was striving to make his peace with God.

In the still hours of the night he could be heard offering up solemn supplications to Heaven; praying God to blot out and remember no more the misdeeds of his life. As the village clock doled out each passing hour, announcing time and its rapid flight, in silent reflection the lonely prisoner reckoned how each fleeting moment was bringing him nearer to the end. He knew he must die. He was condemned The terrible disease that was slowly sapping up his vitality was the death watch. He looked back upon his past with disgust and loathing. Bitter were his thoughts of the man in the adjoining cell who had been the immediator of his ruin. His memory of wrong, sorrow and trouble at times caused momentary fits of fierce anger to come over him; these, however, he would quickly overcome, remarking to himself: "I must forgive, if I would be forgiven."

Swift, in the meantime, whiled away the hours reading flash novels and singing topical songs. At times, he was sullen and morose. During such periods he would walk up and down in his narrow cell like a caged beast, raving and cursing in a most frightful manner. Jack no longer fettered with the delusions that once surrounded his companion with such fatal facinations would often quake with fear, as he lay in his cell and listened to the awful vituperations that issued from Swift's blasphemous lips.

"What in common had there ever been between himself and this monster incarnate? what had ever induced him to yield to his persuasions? why could he not have seen then as now this man's imperfections and perfidy?"

These questions the wretched youth asked himself in vain.

It was too late now, he had listened to them, and was reaping the natural consequences of his folly. Soon the silence of the grave would close the last chapter is his life's eventful story! He was perfectly reconciled to his fast approaching doom and impatiently awaited the final summons which would release his care-worn spirit from its earthly tenement and he could find rest and peace beneath the sod. "Not yet twenty-five," he would say to himself, "yet, I am tired of it all!"

Since they had been incarcerated in their cells there had been one more unfortunate individual added to the number of prisoners in the jail. The new comer's story was indeed a plantive one. Unlike the rest, Jack found him to be a man of some letters, and one also that had travelled extensively; consequently he passed many, otherwise dull and uninteresting, hours conversing with him

He gave his name as Paul LaRue.

He was, he said, fifty-four years of age; although to look at him one would scarcely suppose him to be more than forty.

One day as he sat upon a stool in front of Jack's cell door the two fell into conversation.

"Tell you what, Ashton, my lad," said he, "this world contains many much worse criminals free and at liberty than it has behind prison bars. "Yes;" he continued, after a pause, in which he seemed to be evolving some deep thought in his mind; "unfortunately for the masses, comprising the social element of the world, their most potent foes are, in many instances, the very men in whom they vest the power of legislating the laws by which they are governed."

"How so?" said Jack.

'Listen, I will tell you a story, which, no doubt, will bring out my meaning quite clearly. I once knew a man, some years ago, who was a prosperous mechanic. He had a pretty little wife and two lovely children. At the time of the Panic in Seventy-Three he had his little home well-nigh paid for, and the future seemed bright and full of promise for him. When the great financial crises came, following that memorable—'Black Friday'—which cast its gloom so unsparingly over the country and blighted the homes of so many, this man, like many another, went down in the awful calamity. In the vortex his little home was swept away and his future converted into a blank!"

After a sigh, in which was expressed a heart's bitterness, he continued:

"It happened in this way. The fellow was employed in a Machine Shop in Cincinnati; when the crash came he was thrown out of employment; in vain were all his efforts to secure another situation. In a few weeks he was compelled to mortgage his little home, that the cries of his babes for bread might be stilled. Shortly after this his patient wife was stricken down with fever, and lay seriously ill for many weeks. This forced him to borrow more money; offering as security his humble cottage. Matters grew steadily worse. Finally, the notes against his home fell due, and having no money with which to meet them, his cottage passed into the hands of the money-lenders. Owing to the stringency of the times it was appraised at but little more than half of its actual value. After the amount he had secured on it, together with the extortionate interest demanded had been deducted, and the amount he still owed upon the original purchase taken out, there was but a mere pittance left. With this the family rented two small rooms in a tenement house and adopted the most frugal methods of living in order that their scanty supply of funds might hold out till the husband could secure another occupation. Finally one of the little ones took ill and died!"

The fellow's voice become husky and his eyes assumed a touching expression of sadness.

The supply of funds," he went on, "were soon exhausted and the family was forced to part, one by one, with different articles of the house-hold effects. It was not long till they had to give up one of the rooms and crowd their remaining belongings into the other; in which they managed to live as best they could throughout the winter. The incoming Spring brought no change in affairs. The family's desperate circumstances had caused them to sacrifice every thing for bread; even the bedstead upon which they slept has passed into the hands of the second-hand dealer, and the only semblance of a bed left them was a tick of straw piled into one corner of the room. Upon this the husband, wife and child slept. One morning the father arose with a heavy heart. He knew the larder was empty. The last crust had been consumed the evening before. His loved ones must starve and perish if he failed that day in securing work. The mutterings of the fearful demon—hunger!—were already heard at his door and he must be driven away at any cost. In vain did he walk the streets all that day in quest of employment. The shades of night were gradually gathering about him; he dared not go home without the accustomed loaf; he dreaded the sorrowful scene he knew awaited him; thicker and denser grew the gathering darkness; the desperate man betook himself to a lonely thoroughfare, seldom frequented by pedestrians, and that night, screened by the darkness of heaven, unobserved save by the all-seeing eye of God, he assaulted and Robbed! a fellowman!"

The man's eyes filled with tears as he reached this stage of his story In a choked voice he went on:

"With the booty he secured from his victim, the impoverished mechanic hurried home, carrying in his arms the food with which to satisfy the hunger of his starving wife and child The next day while walking down one of the popular streets of the city the mechanic was pointed out by a well-dressed man to the officers of the law as the man who had robbed him the night before. The wretched man was arrested. At the trial he offered no defense; but threw himself on the mercy of the court, and was sentenced to five years imprisonment. For five long years that man suffered the tortures of prison-life—occupied a felon's cell! for a crime he was forced to commit, the result of the Nation's corrupt and indifferent legislation. Buoyed up by the hope that he would again be reunited with his wife and little one, and that brighter days were in store for him, he lived through his hardships and served his time. After his release from prison, he came back to the city, only to find that his wife—and—child—were—dead!"

Here the man bowed his head in his hands and wept pitifully. After a time he continued:

"The blow well-nigh broke his heart! The shops in which he was employed before his down-fall had resumed operations during his imprisonment; he sought out his old employer and asked for a place, but was refused; he then appealed to his old acquaintences to intercede for him—they too spurned him; so, penniless, friendless, an outcast and alone, he was left to drift the natural course of all such men under similar circumstances. In despair he gave up trying to seek an honest position. 'It was no use,' he said; his sin had preceded him wherever he went, and balked his every effort to raise himself superior to his condition. In a short time, the once honest machinist, had developed into the hardened criminal of the slums. Bereft of ambition, hope and friends he soon adopted as a profession, the calling which had made him what he was. Ah! my boy, if that poor, unfortunate man could have had only one kind hand extended to him—if one kind voice had spoken a word of encouragement, he would have been rescued from the degrading life into which he drifted!"

A look of bitter irony crept into the face of the man, and he fairly trembled with suppressed excitement.

Touched by his emotion, Jack presently remarked:

"Evidently the man of whom you have been speaking was quite a dear friend —, perhaps a relative?"

Ashton never forgot, during the few remaining days of his life, the expression of the man's face as he raised his eyes to his.

"Friend?" said he, "Yes, a very dear friend—it was—myself!

[To Be Continued.]

Race Gleanings

Charles Blanchard, the man who read the first proof of the Harriet Beecher Stowe "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was reported dying at his home, Feb. 1, of old age. Blanchard was born in Washington, D. C., in 1830, and thirteen years later he entered the office of the National Era, the famous ante-bellum free soil paper, as an apprentice. From the "case" he was promoted to the proof readers table, and it was while in this position that he read the first proof of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the story being published in serial form in that paper.

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The Negroes of Rome, Ga., have declared an absolute boycott on the Rome street railway, and since Sunday not a half dozen Negroes have been seen on the cars. The boycott is the result of a rule restricting them to the three rear seats which they bitterly resented.

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Preparations are now being made for the erection of a $20,000 library building at Tuskegee, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

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Through the influence of Congressman George H. White an appropriation of $200,000 was made to establish a home for aged colored people in the District of Columbia.

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Circulars, calling the tenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, are now being sent out. It will be held on the 20th of this month.

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Mr. Nathen Williams of Fair Haven, N. J., and Mr. William B Scott, of Long Branch, N. J., have the honor of being the only colored men who have served on the jury in Monmouth county, New Jersey. Mr. Scott is an employe of the New York and Long Branch Railroad at Long Branch and owns considerable property.

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Two colored men, B. K. Bruce and Hiram Revells, both from Mississippi, have been United States senators, and there have been 20 representatives in congress

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An Afro-American organization of Seattle, Washington., called the International Council of the World, has offered a reward of $500 for the arrest and conviction of each person implicated in the burning of Fred Alexander.

Around Town.

Cincinnati, O., special: The event of last week was a grand charity ball given for the benefit of Crawford's Old Men's Home by some of our most prominent colored ladies of this city. The ball was given at the armory, one of the largest halls in the State of Ohio and was conducted by a board of lady managers. A large crowd was present, and everybody had a good time. The event of the evening was a grand march, which took place at 1:45 a. m. Three hundred couples in gorgeous costumes joined in the march. Prof. Johnson's big orchestra of thirty pieces rendered some very sweet music for the occasion. The ball was a success, and the Old Men's Home, which is badly needed here in Cincinnati, will soon be in progress. * * James H. Clark, of Walnut Hills, is one of John L. Hill's agents for The Freeman. Agents wanted for all parts of the city. Please apply 230 George street. * * Less Blackburn the popular mixologist at the Homestead saloon, introduced a new drink called the Creole fizz. It's a soft drink and one of the finest made. A Freeman reporter secured the recipe for the benefit of The Freeman and its many readers: Take one jigger and a half of Durie syrup, teaspoonful of sugar, one egg, two wine glasses of milk, put all in lemonade glass and shake well. After shaken pour it into fizz glass and sprinkle nutmeg and fill your glass up with seltzer. * * Jack Dillahey is very popular at the professional club. He is somewhat of a detective, too. He captured a glass theft at the club last week. Look out for Jack; he's all right. * * While you live, always eat well. Go to Gate's restaurant and try one of his 15-cent meals. When you die have them send for Frank Habig, the undertaker. He will treat you nice.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

G. L. C, St. Louis, Mo.—Up to the present there are thirty-two pacers that have gone a mile in 2:05 and better.

Tel Me, Muncie, Ind.—What was the horse Yankee's time? 2. How did he make it? 3. Was it a world's record? 4. In what year? 2:59. 2. Under a saddle. 3. Yes. 4. 1806.

Constant Reader, Atlanta, Ga.—Str. City of Paris made the run from Liverpool, Eng., to New York in 5 da. 19 hrs. and 18 min., in 1890.

H. J., Dallas, Tex.—Breakaway published the article written by "Macon" last week just to show one white man's idea of race elevation. Dixon did meet Lyons that night and fought him to a draw. After the fight "Macon" apologized to his readers for misleading them, and blaming Tom O'Rourke for misleading him.

N. T., Chicago, Ill.—Yes.

H. R., Macon, Ga.—Yes.

S. T. B., Atlanta, Ga.—Jack Root was born in Austria 25 years ago.

J. G., Bowling Green, Ky.—Robert Fitzsimmons was born in England.

E. B., Evansville, Ind.—George Dixon defeated Eddie Santry in 20 rounds at New York City June 6, 1898

Joe W., Pittsburg, Pa.—Jeffries and Ruhlin were both born in the state of Ohio.

M. L. Taylor should have sent his correspondence earlier.

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Dan Stuart, the noted prize fight promoter, comes to the front with an offer of $10,000 for the Jeffries-Ruhlin contest, and verifies the offer by posting the $10,000 as a forfeit to be divided between the two men in the event he fails to pull off the match.

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"Shine" Stanley, a local prize fighter, is a victim of smallpox, in this city.

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An effort is being made to bring "Mysterious Billy" Smith and Joe Walcott together in Bridgeport, Conn., in the near future.

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Tommy West and Tommy Ryan are still in active training for their contest which takes place at Louisville Monday night. Ryan is a slight favorite; but if Wests puts up as good a fight as he did against Walcott some time ago, he should knock Ryan out in about three rounds.

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Gus Ruhlin and "Denver Ed." Martin, the pugilists, and Crusader Frank Hall, who were arrested in Chicago recently, were discharged by the grand jury. Ruhlin and Martin were arrested on complaint of Hall for engaging in a boxing match, and Hall in turn was arrested on complaint of L. M. Houseman for witnessing the boxing match.

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Fred. Blackburn, the Indianapolis boy, whipped his opponent at Alexander, Ind., Thursday night.

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A crowd of eager sports went out to the fair grounds at Indianapolis one night last week to pull off a prize fight between James Kelly, white, and Chas. Blackburn, colored. The crowd had quietly gathered in the dairy building and "time" had been called when a posse of officers, who had been in concealment, rushed in on the invaders and caused a stampede. Of course, the reader will readily understand what followed when I say that only four of the sports were caught by the sprinting "cops." The contestants were stripped to their waists, and were battling in an open building without any fire, and the thermometer was registering near zero.

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Prof. W. M. Moore, of New York, a teacher of physical culture writes: "I conduct the only colored school of this kind in this city and receive doctors, lawyers and business men daily at my gymnasium for exercise, and I think should there be more bright, young colored fellows take up the art of self defense and learn how to defend themselves, instead of frequenting bar rooms and race tracks, that the nation would be stronger and wiser, and better able to compete against an antagonist."

Young men should heed the professor's advice to the very letter, for, certain it is, he is right.

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"I'll tell you of a contest I once saw that might sound ridiculous at first hearing, but which was interesting in the extreme," said a New York traveling man now in this city.

"It was between little Dave Sullivan and Gus Ruhlin. Last spring when a benefit was given at the Broadway Athletic Club in New York for George Dixon, who had been defeated a short time before by Terry McGovern, a large number of the stellar lights of the ring volunteered their services. Among them were Ruhlin and Sullivan.

"The master of ceremonies, thinking he would create a little merriment, announced that he had paired the Akron Giant and Featherweight Sullivan. Of course, the announcement caused a liberal ripple of laughter, and all the spectators settled back in their seats in anticipation of witnessing a comedy bout. Ruhlin was in trainging for a future contest, as was his smaller opponent.

"It was a ludicrous sight when the boxers shook hands, but when they started to work the audience was surprised. Ruhlin danced about like a bantam, and his exhibition of speed and shiftiness was remarkable. He did not take any unfair advantage over Dave in the way of wicked blows, and both relied on science and speed.

"It was a four-round affair, and after, every round the applause, which was sincere, was deafening. They put up a fast, interesting bout, and the next day all the New York papers made special mention of it. It was really the hit of the evening.

THE WAITER

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and when the guest makes their departure from the house the spoon disappears also. While I do not mean to say the guest intends frauding the house of a spoon, but is simply an oversight, yet the headwaiter is directly responsible for all such mistakes made in the guest favor, and a great many times when the guest do not take the spoon with them as a souvenir. The chamber-maid very often take them in their possession, yet the headwaiter is the only one responsible. I have been employed at a certain resort in Tennessee where the manager searched the maid's trunks, etc., at the close of the season before allowing them to make their departure; and, from experience, I find it a good idea to not allow a single article of any kind to be taken from the dining room without a written order from the office bearing the number of the room it is wanted for. I do not see how any manager could object to such a rule, but allow it to be strictly enforced. After which file the order and keep it for future reference, though you may remain in the same hotel for several years as headwaiter, but by filing these orders you will at any time have references. At the same time it may seem simple to you; you will be benefitted in the future by so doing, for you can immediately refer to them; for, when you count up, more or less your count will not balance, more especially teaspoons, and it will be impossible to make it balance for the guest in 118, etc., has gone. Now bring forth these orders you may have on file, that have been received daily, and you can readily see where spoons have gone, and in houses where the manager holds you strictly to the agreement making you responsible for all silverware, it will be money in your pocket to do as I have suggested. You may, also, make lectures to the side men in regard to the same, and be strict on them, not allowing a single article to be taken from the room without an order for the same from the office By so doing you can keep in touch with your silver, and can afford to be held responsible for the same, but otherwise it is all to the bad, and you may just as well agree to work for half salary and not have any responsibilities. You may take stock every day, but I am satisfied you cannot make spoons by counting them. Teaspoons, to-day, are in certain hotels, etc., bearing a name and brand not similar to all others you may find there, yet no one can account for the stranger's arrival, but certain guests can explain this matter at once. W. E. T.

The following were the arrivals at the Clarendon, 115 W. 27th street, New York City, last week:

N. C. Bradford, Philadelphia.
J. C. Flint and wife, city.
W. A. DeSota, Trenton, N. J.
Morgan J. Webber, St. Louis, Mo.
Wheeler H. Peckham, Chicago, Ill.
John C. Holbrock, Washington.

Last week we gave the names of the crew in the Hotel Bon Air of Augusta, Ga. The following names also belong to that list: Willie Reed, Atlanta, Ga; Mose Williams, Atlanta, Ga.; James Weeks, Augusta, Ga.; Richard Randnell, Charleston, S. C.; E. H. Williams, Augusta, Ga.

The hotel men of the Great Southern Hotel of Columbus, Ohio, have organized a dramatic company under the direction of Mr. A. L. Harris. Their repertoire consists of such well-known plays as Dessalines, Othello, Richard, the III Hamlet and Julius Cæsar. Miss Florence Littleton is leading lady.

OHIO'S CAPITAL CITY

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Items of Interest.

South Bend, Ind., Special.—A number of young people went sleighing recently to Niles, Mich. They report a pleasant time. The concert given at the A. M. E church on the 12th was an enjoyable affair. The program was well rendered. Rev. Simpson, pastor of the A. M. E. church, is able to be with his congregation again after about nine weeks' illness. Miss Thursy Sanders entertained a number of young people Tuesday evening at her uncle's residence, 120 W. Water street. Mrs. Ed Berry entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, to which she served an elaborate supper. G. W. Bland, headwaiter at the Oliver Hotel, gave his waiters a sleigh ride Feb. 12. J. J. Fowlkes, better known as 'Ready Jack,' is with the boys at the Oliver Hotel. W. Gateskill left for Toledo, Tuesday, where he will reside. The ladies of the West Side Sewing Circle went to Elkhart Monday afternoon, Feb. 18. St. Valentine's ball, Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, was a brilliant affair. Sunday afternoon and evening the churches were crowded in spite of the heavy snow fall.

The Freeman on Sale.

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THE NEGRO AND COMMERCE.

The New York Age is endeavoring to interest its readers with the value of commercial activity among the colored people, which we heartily commend. Those papers should strike the same chord, and send it on through the line. If the Negro expects to succeed permanently in this country he has got to compete; to produce as well as consume. The man who has something tangible to dispose of need have no fear of failure, provided, however, he has the proper ability. Whether he has ability or not can be determined only by experience. Let the Negro engage in commerce and traffic and the question in a large measure is solved. The standard of American civilization is money; we've got to be guaged by the same standard.—The Daily Record, Washington, D. C.

The above fairly states the case. Its up to the Negroes to save themselves, and after all, its no more than right. A race will not appreciate in respect unless it gets "body" to it. Commercialism is the pass-word in America or rather the dollar. It may be wrong, it may be sordid, low or grovelling, but it is the dictum of this age.

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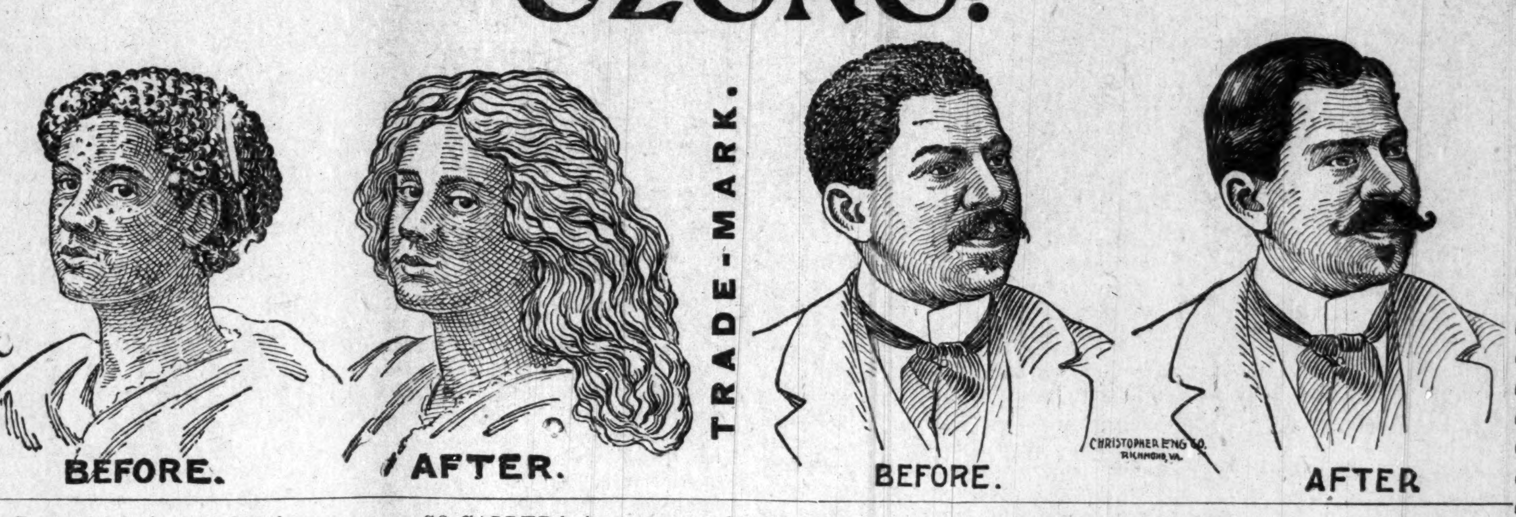

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..CITY NOTES..

Mrs. Georgia Porter is quite sick.

Mrs. Sallie Dudley is reported seriously ill.

Mr. Charles Edwards, of Chicago, is in the city.

Mr. Jeff Porter was here from Chicago, Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Anna Scott.

Invitations are out for the Inaugural Party to be given by the Woman's Club, March 4, at Odd Fellow Hall.

Rev. Carpenter of Barnes Chapel N. Indianapolis occupied the pulpit Sunday night at Simpson Chapel.

Mr. Chas. Webb of the firm of Jamison and Webb, is seriously ill at his home 812 Wyoming street.

Mrs. Rachel Jackson, died suddenly, Tuesday morning of heart trouble. She was the mother of Harry Fidler.

Mr. Edgar Webber, formerly an attorney of this city, but now of Denver, writes he is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baird of West Vermont street entertained a number of friends at their residence last Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Jackson of 624 Douglas street has returned from a trip to Lexington, where she was attending the bedside of her sister.

Mrs. E. Azalia Hackley, appeared before the House of Representatives, Tuesday afternoon and was well received, she sang a very beautiful selection and was heartily applauded; and for an encore sang "Comin' Thro' The Rye."

Mrs. Anna Scott died last Thursday afternoon, after a short illness, she was a very kind and loveable woman and many will mourn their loss. Mrs. Scott was a sister of Mrs. Lou Smoots, Capt. Porter, William and Jefferson Porter. She was buried Sunday afternoon from Bethel A. M. E. church under auspices of Daughters of Charity.

The following special program will be rendered at the Ninth Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 3:30 p. m.: Solo, Mr. Colaver; clarionet solo, Prof. Tash; sermon by Dr. J. Cumming Smith, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, one of the ablest divines in the State. All the members are urged to come and pay their subscriptions. All pastors and their congregations and the public is invited. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prof. W. Williams Supt.

The Zoo, the most popular family resort ever known to the city of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana—and in fact to the western country—is to close its doors to the amusement public tonight. This, the closing day, will go to history according to Mr. Bostock's desire, as "Newspaper Men's Day." To-night the newspaper men of the city will be Mr. Bostock's special guests and the exhibitions, performances and lectures for them and the public at large will be arranged strictly for the occasion. Arrangements have been made for the accomodation of the largest crowds that ever attended the popular place.

The Annual Entertainment of the Elite Concert Company.

The Elite Concert Company announce their annual entertainment and ball at Tomlinson Hall, March 20. The reputation that these young men have for giving good, clean and first class entertainment is too well-known for any extensive comment. Their affair of last year will long be remembered as the social event of the season. Nothing of its kind had before occurred in this city. This year they are earnestly endeavoring to outdo all former efforts. Mrs. E. Azalia Hackley, Corellda, The Grangers and many of the best known artists in this section of the country have been engaged to appear. R. B. Shelton's orchestra will furnish the music.

His Skull Fractured.

Beecher Mitchell and Frank Oliver, both colored, had a fight last night on Yandes street. Oliver struck Mitchell over the head with a fence picket, fracturing his skull. Oliver accused Mitchell of "putting mischeif" into his wife's head. He was arrested and charged with assault with intent to kill.

Seed Time and Harvest.

Probably three fourths of the kitchen gardens throughout the country have not been treated to a complete new outfit of seeds for many years, and oftentimes the commonest kind of vegetables are grown. The attention of our readers is called to the offer made in this paper by the reliable seed house, J. A. Everitt Seedsman, Box 105. Indianapolis, Ind., whereby, for a trifling investment you can obtain a complete supply of seeds of the best new and improved vegetables, such as will cause your garden to be the envy of the whole neighborhood.

Wedding Nuptial.

Normal, Ala., Special.—On Wednesday night, Feb. 6, the wedding of Miss Maria Clay and Bishop George W. Clinton of the Zion church, was solemnized in Huntsville, Ala., at the M. E. church. The ceremony was performed by Bishop J. W. Alstork, of Montgomery, Ala., after which a reception was held at the home of the bride. The bride was one of Huntsville's best teachers, a sweet singer and a favorite of Normal. Many members of the faculty attended. Bishop Alstork and Prof. Johnson, of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., who were special guests of the occasion, favored Normal by spending part of the day with us and inspecting the work. Brilliant speeches were made by both gentlemen before the students, which were very acceptable, and greatly appreciated by all. The faculty has decided to hold school on Saturdays and have Monday as a general work day.

Brief Items of Interest.

Edwardsville, Ill., Special.—Our sick list is too lengthy to publish, but we are glad to report that a majority are on the mend. A revival has been in progress at Mt. Zion for four weeks under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Scott, assisted by Rev. H. E. Daugherty and several souls have been blessed. Non-subscribers to The Freeman will please ask for a copy at the post office; We have requested the publishers to send you sample copies. The public schools have been greatly decimated on account of sickness. Prof. Malone read an excellent paper on "Should we have a uniform day and program for patriotic exercise" before the county teachers association at Bethalto recently; he discussed the subject from the affirmative standpoint. A. H. McClain, our very efficient electrician, who has had charge of the Edwardsville lighting plant for 15 years, is taking a correspondence course in electricity. Messrs. Rollins and Downing are others of our people who are well up in electrical engineering. D. W. Jenkins, our largest real estate owner, is building another fine cottage. A bon ton supper was recently given at the A. M. E. church by the stewardess board.

In Tennessee

Brownsville, Tenn., Special.—Hello Du Quoin! how is Mr. and Mrs. Anderson? would be glad to hear from them and their work. Paducah! how is Prof. Benton and wife? let us hear from them also. Rev. Partee occupies the pulpit of the C. M. E. church made vacant by Rev. Farmer, who has been assigned presiding elder over the Jackson district. Scott Morris has bought the parsonage near the residence of Prof. Gloster and will occupy the same March 30. The Sunday school of the First Baptist church is doing exceedingly well under the superintendency of Prof. Gloster, and the able assistance of its beloved pastor, Rev. J. H. Fulton. Rev. Fulton has been granted a leave of absence of two weeks beginning March 4. He contemplates visiting St. Louis, Topeka, Chicago and other places before his return. Mrs. Winnie Voss suffers from a stroke of paralysis which she received Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Frost in Meridian.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Rev. L. S. Lee filled his pulpit at the New Hope Baptist church Sunday, February 24. On account of the severe cold weather there were not many out. Rev. Starks is still holding services at St. Peters A. M. E. Zion church. The roof of the old Jones hotel building on 5th street and 26th avenue was burned off Saturday night, February 23. It was the first hotel built in Meridian. J. A. Buchanan left the city on the 18th and returned on the 22d. Mrs. J. M. Holman and Mrs. Maggie Sumpter, who have been on the sick list for sometime, are improving rapidly. Among some of those who attended the carnival at Mobile, February 18th and 19th, were J. M. Nimock, T. Murray, B. L. Montgomery, W. H. Deloach, Clarence Heard, S. A. Crawford, Ike Preston, D. Allen, J. S. Bell, Mesdames Hattie Clark, Susie Hunter, Mrs. Poindexter, Ellen Moore and Gussie Longstreet; all report a nice time. Rev. E. P. Jones of Greenville, Miss., and secretary of the Baptist State Convention, preached at the 30th-avenue Baptist church, Sunday, February 24, at 3 and 7:30. Theodore Mitchell is quite sick with inflamatory rheumatism. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, preached at St. Paul M. E. church Sunday, February 24, all day to large congregations.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 22, 1901.

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PADUCAH CHRONICLES

The Haps and Mishaps of That City by Our Correspondent

Paducah, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Francis Lewis, who has been indisposed so long at her home, 732 Tennessee street, with rheumatism, is slowly improving. J. Horton would like to know through The Freeman what show company Joe Britton is a member of, and sends regards to him. Prof. Lane, of Jackson, Tenn., and of Lane institute, was in the city last Sunday on business. Edgar Cook, who has been touring the south for several weeks, has returned to the city, reporting a nice time; he also visited his relatives in Dresden, Tenn. Wm. Brown, who partly lost his residence, 725 S. 7th street, a short while ago, has repaired it and is at home again. How's that, Willie; you feel better? The excursion to Cairo was alright; it was a success and a credit to Ross and Pitman. J. A. Lindsey, chief cook at the Richmond Hotel, had his fingers mashed last week. Don't forget the dancing school of Lee Stanfield and Frank Reynolds in the afternoon and evening. Go and see Lara Ray-Alexander's minstrel show next Monday night; it is rag time, and that is what the people like; also read The Freeman and pay for it; David Pitman agent. John Eagerster, the popular young porter at M. Levingston's wholesale grocery company, had his right thumb mashed while on duty last Saturday. George Marshall, of Court street, is out again after a spell of illness. Lander Mason, of Evansville, Ind., is having a time here with the girls and boys. Clem Thomas, of Washington street, who has been confined for quite awhile on account of his eyes, is slowly improving. Tom Sims, of Fulton, arrived in the city last Friday to see his best girl, Miss E. D. Mrs. Frankie Dixon Campbell, who has lived in this city for several years, has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to reside, and will go into business there. Mrs. Caroline Howard, of Court street, is indisposed. Charles Calvert, of Princeton, Ky., was in the city last Sunday. Mrs. E. W. Benton, who has been indisposed for a few days, is able to be out again. A program will be rendered next week at Lincoln High School by the members of the 4th division of the 9th grade. Miss Laura Howell of Maxon's Mill section, was in the city Sunday much to the pleasure of Messrs. J. O. & E. G. The Bee contest is getting along nicely; why not have a Freeman contest of the city of Paducah, as to musical selections. Miss Zula Morris is still very ill at her home on Tennessee street. Mrs. W. C. Edwards presented to her husband a 15 pound baby girl last week. The girls of the 11th grade are very industrious at recess times. Rev. Tyree is expected in the city tomorrow to preach at the A. M. E. church; all are invited. As this news goes to press Mrs. Mamie Jones, one of our popular ladies, and esteemed residents of the city is dying. Mrs. Silas Knell is dangerously ill at her home on S. 7th street. Our city is full of sickness at present, so get ready to meet your Master.

NOTICE; to all Tobacco Packers and Classers:—A movement is on foot to have a meeting in Paducah next April of all the colored tobacco packers and classers of this end of the state as will be seen from the following call:

Princeton, Ky., Jan. 29, 1901.—All tobacco packers and classers of South and West Kentucky are requested to meet at Paducah, Ky., Monday, April 8th, 1901, to attend to business of much importance. This will be our first meeting, and all colored packers and classers are especially urged to attend. Don't forget the day and date. L. D. Chirdrews, president, Paducah, Ky.; Arch Hendon, secretary, Princeton, Ky.

Interesting Items.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.—There was a grand entertainment given last Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass literary, of which the celebrated event was in memory of our noted deceased statesman. There were interesting papers read by Dr. Covington, D. A. Moody, Mrs. Wm. Thomas and Miss Susie Maben, and some beautiful sketches were given on the life of Frederick Douglass as a citizen by Rev. George A. Brown; the critic of the evening was Rev. Dickey, of Chicago, who performed his duties with an attitude of grace and dignity, after which the audience was invited to the basement of the church, where they were served to an elaborate lunch and fared sumptously; the church was handsomely decorated with red, white and blue bunting, flags and lanterns. Much credit is due J. H. Mosley, the president, who made the affair a success. William Jones, better known as "scamp," has returned from the hospital, where he had one of his legs amputated.

Tuskegee Conference.

Tuskegee (Ala.) Special to The Freeman—The tenth annual Tuskegee Negro conference met in Tuskegee Institute the 20 Prof Booker T. Washington, is presiding over the meetings. The attendance of delegates and visitors from a distance at the opening session was the largest in the history of the conference. The program for the first day called for a general review of thegrowth of theconference and the progress of the race during the last ten years. Special emphasis was put on the importance of the Negro acquiring land keeping out of debt, building better houses, lengthening the school term and living up to their agreements. An old fashioned barbecue on the institute grounds furnished dinner to the delegates and visitors on opening day.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—A musicale was given at the A. M. E. church which was well attended. Miss Hattie Coleman delivered a beautiful and most interesting sermon Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church of which her father Rev. Coleman is pastor. Mr and Mrs. Omer Knox entertained visitors from out the city Sunday. Mr. Arthur Shoecraft son of John Shoecraft of S. Plum street is ill with bright disease. Mr. Eugene Lewis is able to be out after several weeks illness. Both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches are very busy preparing for Easter services. Mrs. John Douglas is entertaining relatives in the person of a great aunt. The dancing academy opened Tuesday evening. The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Wallace, who was burned, died last Thursday of its injuries. Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, interment at Beach Grove cemetery.

Cincinnati Tidings.

Cincinnati, O, Special.—There was to be a grand concert given by the old folks at Brown Chapel Walnut Hill on last Friday night week but it was a failure no one come that was to take a part in the concert but the pianist and one of the singers: Quite a crowd gathered in the church to witness the concert but was very much disappointed and their money was refunded. The King Bee Club met at the residence of Miss Jennie Simmons 31 Avery street last Friday evening and was very highly entertained, the club will meet every Friday evening at 8 o'clock sharp all ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend. Don't have knotty kinky hair when Thompson's hair tonic will make your hair straight, only 25c. per bottle, apply 31 Avery street branch office of Freeman. "This is a question to be desided in our next issue, who handles the most money the boys from the Waldorf or the boys from the Turf or the boys from the Homestead?" Lookout boys let me see you with some money if you don't The Freeman will have you appear in next issue. The leading club of Cincinnati is the Young Men's Republican Club 414 West Sixth street open at all times to visitors. Read The Freeman and keep posted office 230 George street.

News Notes.

Zanesville, O., Special.—Mrs. Worrels, mother of Richard Johnson, died at his home Saturday from an attack of la grippe the funeral was held Monday from Baptist church. The lecture delivered by Bishop B. W. Arnett at St. Paul A. M. E. church Monday Feb. 11, was very well attended. The W. M. M. S. of St. Paul church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Louise Douglas, Thursday evening. Mrs. Maggie Maxwell was guest of honor. Charles Ford died at his home on Turner street from a paralytic stroke, Sunday morning. There will be a wedding from among people of the Baptist church soon. Sunday was communion at St. Paul A. M. E. church, Rev. Charles Gee preached. There will be a sacred concert at St. Paul church Sunday evening, every one should come.

Windy City Items.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Miss Maria Russell, 2930 LaSalle street, has been sent to the Old Folks Home. Mr. N. Allen and Mrs. F. Palmer had a little misunderstanding, last Sunday morning, and he was severely scalled with hot water. Whenever you see Messrs. G. W. Ramsey, J. B. Street, W. Jordan and C. Blackman they are discussing 22d Ward politics. Keep on hustling, boys, you will reach the gold in the next century. The Hannibal Club gave a reception, last Friday evening, at 478 Wells street. The following program was rendered: Welcome address by John T. Jones; solos by Miss A. Brown, Mrs. Carter, Miss I Everage and G. G. Groves. Supper was served by Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. A. Hart, A. Brown, Miss S. Scott, Mrs. S. Denton, Mrs. Dan Moore, Mrs. H. C. Houston. All of those present were delighted with the reception. W. Jordon delivered an address at the Sunday Club meeting last Sunday. Miss L. Hanson and Mrs. G. W. Ramsey sang solos, which were highly appreciated. Mrs. McCallister read a paper on "Liberty." The Freeman is on sale at M. M. Martin's barber shop every week, also at Polk's, 110 E. Harrison street. The Sunday Club will give a grand entertainment at Herman Church March 21. A good program will be rendered. G. G. Groves has reopened his barber shop at 65 Wendell street. You will find The Freeman there every Friday. Miss Lizzie Williams, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Grove, at 63 Huron street. Mr. R. Williams of Richmond, Ind., is also visiting his sister. William Childress and Miss M. Patterson will have the nuptial knot tied next Monday. Miss E. McCoomer rendered excellent music at the Sunday club.

News Items.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—The weather is very warm. We have not had any snow or sleet but we have had cool weather and freezes. The farmers of Quitman have good homes and fine land. The smallpox is still in town. Great many people have been affected with it. Mr. Sam Benton the tax assessor is on his merry-go-round. Mr. John White of Farmesville, Tex., visited his sister on the 10th of Feb. Mrs. Hannah Brown has advertise through columns of The Freeman for her lost relatives, and found her brother; he had been gone thirty years. Always put your "ad" in The Freeman.

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Jolly News.

Joliet, Ill., Special.—Williams and Walker's great show was here on the 23d. Mrs. John Crabb has undergone an operation at the Silver Cross Hospital performed by Dr. Eldridge, and is resting quietly at present. The following are among the sick this week: Mrs. S. Malone, Mrs. Mamie E. Ballard, Mrs. Walter Bell and Mrs. Junus. Robert Ford, of this city, the famous tenor soloist, is conducting the great contest between Chicago and Joliet, which takes place March 12th for the benefit of Brown's Chapel, Mrs. Katherine Valentine manager, Mr. A. Valentine promoter. Mr. R. Ford was formerly with the Ozark Quartet, which toured the State in behalf of Wm. McKinley. The Clover Leaf consists of Mrs. McDonald, soprano; Robert Ford, tenor; Mrs. Bysaw, baritone; John Crabb, bass. Rev Charles Mohammed, of North Africa, preached us a grand sermon last Sunday evening at Brown's Chapel on his own native country. Miss Mary E. Lark, the evanglist, of Indianapolis, Indiana, preached Sunday morning, and also made a talk in the evening. She is surely a preacher and singer. The congregation of Brown's Chapel enjoyed her and Rev. Mohammed's talk. Mrs. Knox is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Smith, this week, from Chicago.

Ironton News.

Ironton, Mo., Special.—Miss Birdie Collier is expected home this week after finishing a very successful term of school at Cadet, Mo. Mrs. Mattie Arnett returned home last Sunday from the Provident hospital St. Louis having undergone a very serious operation. She is improving rapidly, and will soon be out again. The literary entertainment given by the pupils under Prof. Henderson, Washington's birthday was not a financial success on account of the inclement weather. Rev. R. L. Hill pastor of Zion M. E. church is visiting. Mr. Fred Sides came home from Joplin, to visit his father, Joseph Sides who has been very sick for several weeks. Silas Vaughn made a short visit to St. Louis, the first of last week. Robt D. Blanks, the mail carrier, is agent for The Freeman, the popular colored paper and should be read in every home; don't fail to leave your orders with him. Mrs. Frances Blanks has been very ill for some weeks but is slightly improving at this writing. Miss Lilian D. Collier is making a name for herself at Lincoln Institute. Ironton is proud of her interest in Miss Collier. Dr. Hazelton and wife are in town stopping at the residence of Mrs. Smith Any one needing his services will do well to call on him.

Social Events of the Week.

Rockford, Ill., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson gave a pleasant whist party at their home Wednesday evening. The first prize was won by Miss Helen Tucker, the second by Mr. Edward Lee, and the Booby prize was presented to Bernard Williams. Those present were: Mrs. R. Brown, Miss Mamie Robinson, Mrs A. Vedder, Miss Helen Tucker, Charles Ferguson, Edward Lee, Earnie Ferguson, Bernard Williams and Ellis Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyd gave a whist party Monday evening. Those present were: Messrs. W. Baker, T. Leman, T. Wright, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Wood. A Sacred Concert will be given by the Chorus of the A. M. E. church. Those who will render the programme are Miss Etta Evans, organist; Miss L. Wood, soprano; Miss G. Settles, soprano; Mrs. S. Baker, alto; Miss A. Etheredge, alto; W. Baker, tenor; Edward Lee, bass; and Amos. Robinson, bass.

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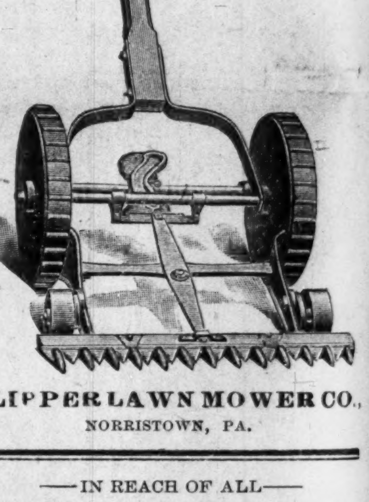

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